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OF

NOVA SCOTIA,

HELD WITH THE

ANTSPORT BAPTIST CHURCH, SATURDAY, MONDAY & TUESDAY,
JUNE 24th, 26th, and 27th, 1876.

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CIRCULAR LETTER, &c.

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HANTSPORT CHURCH,
Saturday Morning, June 24th, 1876.

The NOVA SCOTIA CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION convened this day with the Hantsport Baptist Church, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Moderator of last year, Rev. S. W. DeBlois, called the Association to order. After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. James Stevens.

The following is the

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Aylesford Upper.—Rev. J. L. Read, Dea. Oliver Cogswell, Brethren Whitman Morton, Lambert Neily, and Colin W. West.

Brookline.—Rev. J. C. Bleakney and Deacon Harris Read.

Cambridge.—Deacon W. H. Forsyth, Brethren James Craig, C. W. H. Webster and H. N. Witt.

Chester.—Rev. I. J. Skinner, and Deacon David Hume.

Cornwallis 1st.—(Canard)—Rev. S. B. Kempton, Deacons J. Ells, and H. K. Eaton, Brethren R. E. Rand, C. F. Eaton and J. E. Lockwood.

Cornwallis 2nd.—(Berwick)—Rev. Isa. Wallace, Deacons Maynard Wheelock, and T. H. Parker.

Cornwallis 3rd.—(Billtown)—Deacon John Lantz, Brethren James Bligh, W. S. Sweet, and John S. Dunham.

Cornwallis. 5th.—(Pereaux)—Rev. William Spencer, Brethren Abram Ells and Daniel Sandford.

Cornwallis, 6th.—(Canning)—Rev. S. J. Neiley, Brethren Edwin Rand, and Levi C. Dimock.

Dartmouth.—Rev. A. S. Hunt.

Ellershouse.—M. W. Brown, (Lic.), Deacons Samuel Miller and Martin Collis, Bro. T. G. Dunlap.

Falmouth.—Deacons Bacon and Andrew Shaw. Brethren Charles Young, William Taylor and Burpee Shaw.

Halifax 1st.—(Granville Street)—Rev. E. M. Saunders, Deacons L. S. Layzant, and S. Selden, Brethren B. H. Eaton and A. L. Wood.

Halifax 2nd.—(North)—Rev. J. W. Manning, Deacons J. McCully and D. Thompson, Brethren J. C. Dumaresq and A. W. Clarke.

Halifax 3rd.—(Gerrish Street)—Rev. J. F. Avery, and Dea. Benj. Hubley.

Hammonds Plains 1st.—B. P. Shaffner, (Lic.), Deacon John Thomas, and Brother Charles Thompson.

Hantsport.—Rev. J. C. Bleakney, Deacons William Davison, Edward Davison and David Pulsifer, Brethren Dr. Margeson and W. A. Porter.

Horton 1st.—(Wolfville)—Revds. S. W. DeBlois, J. M. Cramp, D. D., and John Chase, Deacons J. W. Barss, Martin Cleveland, and William Faulkner.

Horton 2nd.—(Gasperaux)—H. W. Parry, (Lic.), Rev. James Stevens, Bro. P. Coldwell.

Horton 3rd.—(New Minas)—Rev. A. J. Stevens, and Bro. John Burbidge.

Jeddore.—Rev. James Meadows.

Kempt.—Rev. G. A. Weathers, Deacons James Greenough and Joseph D. Masters, Brethren Walter Wilson, Samuel Caldwell and Frederick Grant.

Kentville.—Rev. A. J. Stevens, Dea. T. H. Borden, Brethren Winkworth Chipman, C. A. Harrington, George Dennison, and Henry Lovett.

La Have.—Deacon John Lantz.

Lunenburg.—Deacon Gideon Langille, and Brother H. E. S. Maider.

New Germany.—Deacon David Lantz.

Newport.—Rev. A. E. Ingram, Deacons Shubael B. Dimock, Noah Dimock, Brethren Eben Sweet, Daniel Dimock and Enoch Sweet.

New Ross.—Brother George W. Lantz.

Sackville.—B. P. Shafner, (Lic.)

St. Margaret's Bay 2nd.—Dea. C. A. Whitman, and Bro. Ephraim Hubley.

Waterville.—Brother C. W. Bishop.

Windsor.—Rev. E. W. Kelly, Dea. P. Redden, Brethren John K. Martin, and J. O. Redden.

Delegate from Western Association.—Rev. W. H. Warren.

The following brethren were invited to sit with the Association:—Rev. J. A. McLean, Rev. W. E. Hall, B. W. Lockhart, (Lic.) Brethren J. M. Foot, W. H. Seaman, David Calkin, Dea. Calkin, Bro. Dykeman, (Lic.), Bro. John King, Bro. Edward McCabe, Rev. W. B. Boggs, Bro. J. F. L. Parsons, Prof. D. F. Higgins, Brother David Spidle, Rev. A. W. Sawyer, D. D., Joshua T. Eaton, (Lic.), Edw. Curry, Ebenezer Rand, Wm. Robinson, William Eaton, Rev. Obed. Parker, Dea. William Knowles, Rev. E. A. Crawley, D. D., Bro. Henry Shafner, and Rev. C. B. Hanson, of Peabody, Mass.

The ballot being taken, the Rev. S. B. Kempton was elected Moderator and entered upon the duties of his office; B. H. Eaton and Rev. A. J. Stevens were chosen Secretaries; W. A. Porter, Treasurer; Henry Lovett, Assistant Treasurer; Edward Davidson, Auditor.

The following Committees were appointed:—

To Examine Letters.—Deacon S. Selden, Rev. James Stevens and Rev. Wm. Spencer.

To Read Letters.—Rev. Prof. Welton, Rev. J. W. Manning and Rev. J. F. Avery.

On Arrangements.—Revds. J. C. Bleakney, E. W. Kelly, S. W. DeBlois, A. E. Ingram, Brethren H. N. Parry, W. A Porter, and C. J. Margeson, M. D., and Rev. E. M. Saunders.

On Questions in Letters.—Rev. Dr. Cramp, H. Lovett, Dea. Joshua Ells, Andrew Shaw, Rev. W. E. Hall, W. H. Seaman.

Letters from the churches were read.

The Committee on arrangements report in part as follows:—

SERVICES ON LORD'S DAY.

Hantsport—11 a. m., Rev. S. W. DeBlois; 3 p. m., S. B. Kempton, 6.30 p. m., Rev. E. M. Saunders. *Sabbath School*—9.30 a. m.

Brooklyn—2.30 p. m., Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D.

Mount Denison—2.30 p.m., Rev. J. F. Avery.

Avonport—11 a. m., and 7 p. m. Rev. J. Meadows.

Wolfville—11 a. m., Rev. Prof. Welton; 7 p.m., Rev. J. W. Manning.

Falmouth, Upper—11 a. m., Rev. J. A. McLean.

Falmouth, Lower—11 a. m., Rev. J. Parry; 7 p. m., Rev. J. A. McLean.

Halifax 1st, Granville St.—Rev. E. W. Kelly.

Halifax, 2nd, North—Rev. A. J. Stevens.

Halifax, 3rd, Gerrish Hall—Rev. A. E. Ingram.

Gaspereaux—Rev. William Spencer.

Newport—M. W. Browm, (Lic.)

Ellershouse—Rev. William Weathers.

Kentville—Rev. James Stevens.

COMMITTEE ON CIRCULAR LETTER.—Revds. I. J. Skinner, J. Stevens, S. W. DeBlois.

Prayer-meeting each morning at 6.30. Morning Sitting 10 till 12.30. Afternoon Sitting 2 till 5.30. Evening Sitting at 6.30.

All Committees to meet in the Vestry at 9 a. m. That the Association Sermon be preached at 10 a. m., on Monday, and the Circular Letter be read immediately after.

Report adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. B. Boggs.

SATURDAY—Afternoon Session.

Meeting opened at 2.30 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. W. Spencer. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Upon request of the Moderator it was

Resolved, That the Standing Committees be appointed by the Committee on arrangements.

Additional letters from the Churches were read and in view of the large increase of membership and general prosperity of the Churches as shewn by the letters, the Association joined with Rev. Dr. Cramp in prayer and thanksgiving to God for His abundant mercies during the year.

The Treasurer's account of the Board of Infirm Ministers was submitted and adopted and ordered to be published with the Minutes. (See Appendix A.)

Resolved, That the present Board of Infirm Ministers be re-appointed with the substitution of C. F. Eaton for Rev. E. O. Read, the members thereof being therefore for the ensuing year, Rev. S. W. DeBlois, Prof. D. F. Higgins, Rev. S. B. Kempton, Bro. C. F. Eaton, Dea. J. W. Morse, and Bro. James S. Morse.

The Committee on the Circular Letter reported recommending that it be read. Report adopted.

Resolved, That Bro. Selden be requested to print 1250 copies of the Minutes, reserving 50 copies to be furnished by him to the next Meeting of the Association.

Resolved, That B. H. Eaton and Rev. E. M. Saunders be a Committee to prepare a list of the Ministers of the Association for publication in the Minutes.

Resolved, That Rev. S. W. DeBlois, Dea. J. W. Barss, Brethren C. F. Eaton, H. Lovett, and B. H. Eaton be a Committee to revise the blank form of Letter to the Association.

Resolved, That Brethren B. H. Eaton, J. Parsons, and S. Selden be a Committee to superintend the publication of the Minutes.

Resolved, That Brethren C. F. Eaton, W. A. Porter, S. Selden, C. J. Margeson, and H. Lovett be our delegates to the Convention.

Resolved, That Rev. J. Meadows, Brethren S. Selden, and D. R. Eaton be our delegates to the Eastern Association.

Resolved, That Revds. S. B. Kempton, I. J. Skinner, and E. M. Saunders be our delegates to the Western Association next year.

Resolved, That Bro. S. Selden, and Rev. J. C. Bleakney be our delegates to the P. E. Island Association.

The Committee on arrangements submitted a further report, which was adopted, as follows :

COMMITTEES.

Denominational Literature.—J. W. Barss, Rev. Dr. Cramp, L. S. Payzant, and James Bligh.

Benevolent Funds.—Rev. Prof. Welton, A. E. Ingram, W. E. Warren, Deas. M. Cleveland, W. L. Everett, John S. Dunham, and Rev. J. Meadows.

Education.—Rev. A. W. Sawyer, D. D., Prof. D. F. Higgins, Revds. E. M. Saunders, J. Chase, S. W. DeBlois, and J. W. Manning.

Missions.—Revds. Dr. Cramp, W. B. Boggs, E. W. Kelly, Bro. H. N. Parry, (Lic.), Bro. E. P. Coldwell.

Obituaries.—Revds. I. J. Skinner, E. O. Read, and C. I. Margeson.

Sabbath Schools.—Dea. E. Rand, Rev. George Weathers, Deas. J. Ells, William Faulkner, H. K. Eaton, and Bro. W. A. Porter.

Sabbath Observance.—Rev. I. Wallace, Dea. M. Wheelock, Brethren John Burbidge, H. E. S. Maider, Rev. W. Spencer.

Temperance.—Brethren J. Parsons, H. Lovett, W. C. Bill, Edward Davison, T. H. Parker, Edward Parker, Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, Deas. John Lantz, Rev. James Stevens.

Mention being made by the Moderator of the severe illness of Rev. James Parker, the Association joined with Rev. E. M. Saunders in earnest prayer on behalf our Brother, and also on behalf of Rev. R. R. Philp, who has been deprived of his sight, and on behalf of Rev. Dr. Tupper, and other aged fathers in the ministry. Prayer was also offered by Rev. W. B. Boggs, and Rev. W. E. Hall, on behalf of Rev. A. R. R. Crawley whose health has failed, and Rev. G. W. Churchill who has been compelled by illness to leave his field of labor temporarily.

Resolved, That Revds. E. M. Saunders, Prof. Welton, W. E. Hall, Prof. Higgins, J. W. Manning, and I. J. Skinner, be a Committee to prepare a plan for facilitating the transaction of the business of the Association.

The Committee on arrangements further reported recommending that all the Churches supplied to-morrow by the Association be requested to take collections for Home Missions.

Resolved, That the Home Mission Union be permitted to publish their report with the Minutes of the Association.

Resolved, That Monday afternoon be set apart for hearing the Education report and for discussion on Education.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. Meadows to Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING, June 26th.

The Association re-assembling engaged in prayer and praise.

The ASSOCIATION SERMON was preached by Rev. J. W. Manning from Ezra viii. 22, "For I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen, to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken unto the king saying, The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek Him."

Business was resumed; prayer by Rev. A. S. Hunt.

The CIRCULAR LETTER was read by the writer Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D. Subject:—"The Realities of Religion."

Resolved, That it be adopted and printed in the Minutes, and that Rev. J. W. Manning, and Dr. Cramp be requested to furnish copies of the Sermon and the Letter for publication in the *Messenger*.

Additional letters from the Churches were read—

Resolved, That the letter from the African Baptist Church of Halifax be referred to the Committee on Questions in letters.

Resolved, That Joshua T. Eaton be appointed in the place of J. W. Barss on Committee to revise blank form of Letters.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. George Weathers.

MONDAY—Afternoon Session.

Opened with prayer by Rev. J. Chase.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The Committee on Obituaries presented their report which was adopted. (See Appendix B.)

The Committee on Sabbath Observance presented their report, which was adopted. (See Appendix C.)

The Committee on benevolent funds presented their report which was adopted. (See Appendix D.)

The Committee on Education presented their report. (See Appendix E.)

Resolved, That it be considered clause by clause.

The 1st. 2nd, 3rd, and 4th clauses passed without discussion.

The motion to adopt the fifth clause which alludes to the proposed University of Halifax was discussed at considerable length, the following brethren taking part in the discussion;—Rev. Dr. Cramp, B. H. Eaton, Rev. S. J. Neiley, Hon. Judge McCully, Revds. I. Wallace, E. M. Saunders, Prof. D. F. Higgins, Revds. J. M. Welton, and Dr. Sawyer. The clause passed and the report was adopted as a whole.

The Committee on Arrangements further reported recommending as follows:—

1. That this evening be devoted to Missions and that Revds. W. H. Warren, W. B. Boggs, Dr. Cramp, E. M. Saunders and others address the meeting, and that each speaker be limited to fifteen minutes.

2. That Reports of Committees and general business be attended to to-morrow forenoon.

3. That Revds. J. C. Bleakney, S. W. DeBlois, and A. J. Stevens be a Committee to arrange for the place for the next meeting of the Association.

4. That Rev. J. C. Bleakney preach the Association Sermon next year, and that Rev. A. J. Stevens be his alternate.

5. That Rev. Dr. Crawley be requested to write the Circular Letter.

Report adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Dr. Crawley.

MONDAY—Evening Session.

Meeting opened with singing, and prayer by Bro. H. N. Parry.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Rev. Dr. Cramp, Chairman of Committee on Questions in Letters reported recommending that the Brookline Church recently organized be received into the Association. Report adopted.

The Moderator on behalf of the Association presented the right hand of fellowship to Rev. J. C. Blakeney pastor of the Brookline Church.

The Committee on Missions reported. (See Appendix F.)

The Moderator announced the death to-day of Rev. Jas. Parker; the Association joined in prayer with Rev. E. M. Saunders on behalf of the bereaved family.

It was resolved that the Committee on Obituaries be requested to add a postscript to their report.

After singing the 1104 hymn,

> "Hear what the voice from Heaven proclaims
> For all the pious dead,
> Sweet is the savor of their names
> And soft their sleeping bed."

Rev. W. H. Warren addressed the meeting on Home Missions giving a general account of the operations and present position of the Home Missionary Union.

Rev. W. B. Boggs spoke in behalf of Foreign Missions, urging two great reasons for sending the gospel to the heathen, (1.) For the sake of the heathen themselves, so numerous, so degraded, so wretched; (2.) For Christ's sake. Nothing will bring the nations to God but the Gospel, and that will do it. He referred to discouraging circumstances already attending our mission and claimed that they are not greater than other missions have met and overcome.

Rev. Dr. Cramp moved the following resolution which was duly seconded and adopted :

Resolved, That this Association has heard, with deep sorrow, of the death of their beloved brother, the Rev. James Parker, who, after long-continued sickness, has at length passed away, "and now rests from his labours," and joyfully dwells with the Saviour and the glorified. The brethren indulge in grateful reminiscenses of their fellowship with the departed, whose co-operation with them in evangelical labours was always cheerfully afforded ; they record the expression of their warm sympathy with the widow and children who are now mourning on account of the loss they have sustained, and hope that divine grace will support and comfort them, and that the denomination will extend to them such practical manifestations of kindness, as will tend to bind up broken hearts and sustain and console the desolate.

Rev. E. M. Saunders, in a short address remarked among other things that our Mission work is not to be just for a few years, but to continue through all time.

Hon. Judge McCully also spoke briefly.

A collection was then taken for Home Missions. Report on Missions adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. E. Ingram.

TUESDAY MORNING, June 27th.

Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. I. Wallace.

Minutes of last meeting read, amended, and approved.

The Committee on Questions in Letters presented a majority report, and also a minority report, the latter differing from the former only in the clause relating to the admission of the 3rd Halifax Church; after full discussion the minority report was adopted. (See Appendix G.)

The Committee on revision of blank form of letters to the Association presented their report. Adopted. (See Appendix H.)

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. J. A. McLean.

TUESDAY—Afternoon Session.

Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. W. H. Warren.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Committee on Denominational Literature presented their report, which after discussion was adopted. (See Appendix I.)

The Moderator on behalf of the Association presented the right hand of fellowship to Rev. J. F. Avery, pastor of the 3rd Baptist Church, Halifax.

Committee on Facilitating business presented a report which was adopted. (See Appendix J.)

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Association be tendered to the Hantsport Church and congregation, for their hospitality and kindness to the delegates during this session.

Rev. J. W. Manning gave the following notice "I give notice

that Art. 3rd. be amended, to read,—Each church shall have the privilege of sending one delegate besides the Pastor and one for every one hundred members."

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools was read and adopted. (See Appendix K.)

On motion of Rev. Isa. Wallace—

Resolved, In view of the great work accomplished by the Board of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union during the past year, and the vast work now lying before that Board in spreading the Gospel among the destitute portions of our Province, as well as the nurturing of our feeble churches, and the circulation of denominational literature among our people; and the consequent need of enlarged liberality on the part of our Churches,

Therefore resolved, That this Association hereby pledge their sympathy and co-operation with said Board in its great and responsible work.

The Committee on Arrangements reported finally as follows:—We recommend as Committees to report next year.

To Examine Circular Letter.—Revds. Dr. Sawyer, S. W. DeBlois, and S. B. Kempton.

On Denominational Literature.—Bro. J. W. Barss, Revds. A. J. Stevens, and E. M. Saunders.

On Benevolent Funds.—Revds. Isaiah Wallace, J. L. Read, and J. H. Robbins.

On Education.—Revds. Professors D. F. Higgins, Dr. Cramp, and J. F. Tufts.

On Missions.—Revds. J. W. Manning, J. F. Avery, and Bro. S. Selden.

On Obituaries.—Revds. J. C. Bleakney, Dr. Margeson, and Revd. W. C. Dimock.

On Sabbath Schools.—Deacons Mark Curry, E. D. King, S. Dimock, W. A. Porter, and S. J. Neily.

On Sabbath Observance.—Revds. I. J. Skinner, J. Williams, and Joseph Ham.

On Temperance.—Revds. A. E. Ingram, J. Meadows, and George Weathers.

On Arrangements.—Pastor of the Church with which the Association is convened, and neighbouring pastors as he may select.

Adopted.

The Committee on Temperance presented their report, a portion whereof was, after discussion, adopted. (See Appendix L.)

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be conveyed to the Railway authorities for reduction of fares to delegates.

Minutes of this sitting read and approved.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. E. W. Kelley, to meet with the Baptist Church at on the Saturday following the 2d June, 1877.

S. B. Kempton, *Moderator.*
B. H. Eaton, } *Secretaries.*
A. J. Stevens, }

Ministers in Central Association.

Name.	President Residence.	Date of Ordination..	Place of Ordination.
Rev. Avery, J. F	Halifax	Oct. 20, 1870	Towstock, G. B.
" Bancroft, Jeremiah	Walton	March 1849	Rawdon.
" Bleakney, J. C	Hantsport	Febry, 1868	Richmond, N. B.
" Chase, John	Wolfville	July 1, 1835	Billtown.
" Clay, Edw., M. D	Halifax	.....	Pugwash.
" Cramp, J. M., D. D	Wolfville	May 7, 1818	London, G. B.
" Crawley, E. A., D. D	Wolfville	May 28, 1830	Providence, R. I.
" DeBlois, S. W., A. M	Wolfville	Feb. 26, 1854	Chester.
" Dimock, D. W. C., A.M,	Billtown	Dec. 6, 1841	Chester.
" Delong, T. C	Tancook	1836	New Albany.
" Freeman, D., A. M	Canning	August 1, 1855	Halifax.
" Hunt, A. S., A. M	Dartmouth	Nov. 10, 1844	Dartmouth.
" Ingram, A. E	Newport	May 28, 1874	North West, Lunenburg
" Kempton, S. B., A. M	Canard	Sept. 15, 1863	New Minas.
" Kelly, E. W., A. B	Windsor	June 23, 1876	Windsor
" Lucas, Wallace	Hammonds Plains	.....	Hammond's Plains.
" Meadows, Jas	Lower Stewiacke	Feb. 26, 1868	Jeddore.
" Miller, John	Halifax	.....	.....
" Neily, S. J., A. M	Canning	Sept. 1872	North Sydney.
" Philp, R. R., A. B	Hantsport	Oct. 12, 1856	Margaree, C. B.
" Pineo, D	Long Point	Dec. 24, 1844	Greenwich.
" Read, J. L	Upper Aylesford	June 30, 1858	Hopewell, N. B.
" Roberts, E	Bridgewater	1848	Drefreat, Wales.
" Robbins, J. H	Cambridge	Aug. 29, 1873	Rawdon.
" Saunders, E. M., A. M.	Halifax	Dec. 15, 1858	West Cornwallis.
" Sawyer, A. W., D. D	Wolfville	Dec. 27, 1853	Lawrence Mass, U. S.
" Shaw, D. G	Halifax	Jan. 24, 1860	Falmouth.
" Skinner, I. J., A. B	Chester	Sept. 19, 1858	Port Medway.
" Spencer, Wm	Pereaux	.....	New Minas.
" Stevens, Jas	Gaspereaux	Aug. 4, 1880	Horton.
" Stevens, A. J., A. B	Kentville	1875	Kentville.
" Vidito, N	Windsor	May 10, 1832	Wilmot.
" Wallace, Isa., A. M	Berwick	April 3, 1856	Scotchtown, N. B.
" Welton, D. M., A M	Wolfville	Sept. 2, 1857	Windsor.
" Weathers, Geo	Kempt	May 12, 1864	Newport.
" Williams, John	Mahone Bay	Jan. 1862	Centreville, N. B.

LICENTIATES.

Cornwallis 1st.—Joshua T. Eaton.
Cornwallis 2nd.—Charles Norwood.
Cornwallis 3rd.—Arthur Roscoe.
Horton 1st.—D. H. Simpson, H. J. Foshay,
Fred. Crawley, and M. W. Brown.
Lunenburg.—H. E. S. Maider.
Newport.—Enoch Sweet.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

THE REALITIES OF RELIGION.

THE CIRCULAR LETTER OF THE NOVA SCOTIA CENTRAL BAPTIS ASSOCIATION TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCHES OF WHICH IS COMPOSED.

Dear Brethren,—

The subject of this Letter is "THE REALITIES OF RELIGION:" and our object in presenting it to your consideration is to produc by the Lord's blessing, a livelier apprehension of those realities, a a deeper experience of their preciousness and their power.

Although we have not recited any creed in this meeting, as done in the congregations of another denomination,—and althou we do not admit the authority of any human standard of faith morals, there is happily a substantial agreement among us wi regard to the doctrines of the gospel and the duties of believe We are not bound, indeed, to use the same words in stating discussing them—for Christian freedom chooses divers modes expression—but we all receive the same truths, and all our hea yield to the influences which flow from the belief of those truths. We believe, for instance, that God "hath saved us, and called with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Je before the world began" (2 Tim. i. 9). We believe that "t blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 7). We believe that "the washing of regeneration," even "t renewing of the Holy Ghost" (Titus iii. 5) is essential to memb ship in God's family, here and hereafter. We believe th perseverance in faith and holiness is both a duty and a privile We hold that "he that hath the Son hath life, and he that h not the Son of God hath not life" (1 John v. 12). This is substance of our Christianity. Other items of belief need not enumerated.

Now, correctness or orthodoxy of opinion is not all that is requi of a professor of religion. If we really believe the truths that comprised in the gospel of the Son of God, we are conscious certain effects. "True holiness" (Ephes. iv. 24) is the holiness the truth, the necessary effect of the reception of that truth. To a Christian is to be the subject of specific habits, denoting charac and that character is the result, not of occasional impulses, but continuous influence. It is to be "joined to the Lord," and to "one spirit" (1 Cor. vi. 9); it is to "live by the faith of the Son God" (Gal. ii. 20); to "put on the new man, which after Go created in righteousness and true holiness" (Ephes. iv. 24); "forget the things that are behind, and to reach forth to those are before" (Phil. iii. 13); to conduct ourselves as "strangers

lgrims" (1 Peter ii. 11); to "lay hold on eternal life" (1 Tim. i. 12).

We want soundness in the faith. It is the foundation. But we want something more. Cold, dry theology will not serve the purpose. We must have warm life—affectionate earnestness—a firm grasp of spiritual and heavenly realities. We must *be* what we profess, and live and act as those who have "put on Christ" (Gal. iii. 27).

Have we "fled for refuge to lay hold on the hope set before us" (Heb. vi. 18)? What is now the position in which we stand before God? We are deeply in debt and have nothing to pay; but the debt is paid. We are rebels against the Divine majesty; but the sentence of condemnation is cancelled. Christ's righteousness covers us. Let us enjoy the blessedness, and delight ourselves in the Lord. Let us exclaim, with Toplady—

"A debtor to mercy alone,
Of covenant mercy I sing,
Nor fear, with his righteousness on,
My person and offerings to bring:
The terrors of law and of God
With me can have nothing to do;
My Saviour's obedience and blood
Hide all my transgressions from view."

Let us sing, with Oliver—

"He by Himself hath sworn,
I on his oath depend,
I shall, on eagle wings upborne,
To heaven ascend:
I shall behold his face,
I shall his power adore,
And sing the wonders of his grace
For evermore."

As believers in Jesus we are sons and daughters of the Most High, and entitled to all the privileges of the adoption. How valuable—how precious they are!—We share in love which, as Boston says, "exceeds that of mothers in tenderness, and that of fathers in wisdom." We are watched over, cared for, by God himself: and to his fatherly grace we may take all our wants, all our griefs, all our dangers, with the assurance that He, the "Father of mercies and the God of all comfort," "thinketh upon us" (2 Cor. i. 3; Psalm xl. 17). Believing this, we are "not afraid of evil tidings" (Psalm. cxii. 7), and we have learned to say, when floods lift up and tempests roar, "It is the Lord" (1 Sam. iii. 18).

The covenant of heavenly love, the "everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and sure" (2 Sam. xxiii. 5), secures to us privileges, dignities, and glories unspeakable. We are "heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ" (Rom. viii. 17). All things are ours—the Divine perfections—all Providences—all spiritual influences, powers and graces. We are fully provided for while in the wilderness, and a rich inheritance awaits us at the end of the journey.

"This world is ours, and worlds to come,
Earth is our lodge, and heaven our home."

All this is t.ue and real. It is actual matter of fact. Th question then is, not merely what we believe, but what we *are*, or to what extent we realize the blessedness of God's chosen, and liv in the habitual enjoyment of the privileges which are common to al Christians. Some persons, as it appears to us, have fallen into great mistake. They imagine that there is both a common and higher Christian life, and they separate Christians into two classes unmindful that personal godliness, as described in the Ne Testament, is attainable by all believers, and that there cannot b anything higher—and, forgetful of the fact that the Apostle Pau who unquestionably rose to the highest style of devotedness to th Saviour, disclaimed all superiority, and said, "Not as though I ha already attained, either were already perfect" (Phil. iii. 12). Be ours to follow so noble an example, and to resolve, by the grace God, that we will be whatever a Christian may or ought to be— that we will carry into practice all our professions—and that w will "hold on our way," and "be stronge. and stronger" (Jo xvii. 9).

This realising experience is necessary as a sustaining element Christian activity. The Lord Jesus calls upon us all to labour fo him. Every member of a Christian church is bound to be worker, for the salvation of others, and for the edification of h fellow-members. But we shall neither be fit for work nor able sustain a steady course of action unless our souls are constant nourished by gospel truth—intelligently apprehended, enjoyed, a felt—penetrating and inspiriting every power. And we all kno that such a state is attainable, because we remember the words our Lord—"If ye, being evil, know how to give good gifts un your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father give t Holy Spirit to them that ask him," (Luke xi. 13). These wor are as true to-day as they were when they were first uttered. B in pleading the promise let us bear in mind that we must "ask faith, nothing wavering: for he that wavereth is like a wave of t sea, driven with the wind and tossed; let not that man think that shall receive any thing of the Lord" (James i. 6, 7).

Brethren, "the time is short" (1 Cor. vii. 29). Some of us a young and strong, and may hope for long lives of consecration Christ. But a considerable number have passed the meridi The day is far spent. The time of our departure may be at ha Our remaining stay upon earth is not to be reckoned by years; i not to be reckoned at all. The Saviour says, "Take ye heed, wa and pray, for ye know not when the time is" (Mark xi. 33). D it not especially behove *us* to spend the few days that are left us full harmony with our professions and our prospects, and to "g up the loins of our minds, be sober, and hope to the end for grace that is to be brought unto us at the revelation of Je Christ" (1 Pet. i. 13). Let us climb to Pisgah's top, and "vi the landscape o'er." Let us familiarise ourselves with the gr outlook, and be as "men that wait for their Lord" (Luke xii. 3

Glorious visions are to be beheld by the ransomed Church of God. If we belong to that Church, we shall take part in events of the most solemn and inspiring character. The Lord Jesus will be "revealed from heaven, with his mighty angels, in flaming fire" (2 Thess. i. 7, 8);—we shall see him come.—The archangel's trumpet will summon the nations to God's bar (1 Cor. xv. 52: 1 Thess. iv. 16);—we shall hear it.—The world's population from the beginning to the close of the history will be gathered together before the judgment seat:—we shall be there, and each one in his own proper place, nor will there be any mistake in the allotments. We shall hear the Judge when he welcomes the saved to the heavenly mansions. We shall hear him when he dismisses the lost. And oh! what ecstatic delight will thrill through every saved soul, when "a great multitude, which no man can number, of all nations, and kindreds, and peoples, and tongues, "shall stand on Zion's hill, and the voice of the univeral Church shall be heard, "as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia, for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth,"—"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing" (Rev. v. 12: vii. 9: xix. 6). Brethren, shall we be there? Shall we join in that song? Shall we take part in the triumph of the glorified, and dwell with them in the presence of the Lord for ever?

"'For ever with the Lord'—
Amen: so let it be!
Life from the dead is in that word,
'Tis immortality.
Here in the body pent
Absent from him I roam,
Yet nightly pitch my moving tent
A day's march nearer home."

Yes—"nearer home": for "our citizenship [conversation] is in heaven, from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself" (Phil. iii. 20, 21). Then—"we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is" (1 John iii. 3.) Having this hope, what manner of persons ought we to be, in all holy conversation and godliness" (2 Pet. iii. 11)!

"Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever. Amen" (Jude 24, 25).

APPENDIX.

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Infirm Ministers' Board in account with C. F. Eaton, Treasurer.

1875.		**Cr.**	
June	1.	By balance per account rendered	$915 6[illegible]
"	15.	" Cash from Windsor Church per Rev. D. M. Welton	3 [illegible]
Sept.	21.	" " R. N. Beckwith, Esq., Treasurer of the Central Association per J. W. Barss, Esq	67 [illegible]
1876.			
June	1.	" One year's interest on the Jacobs' Legacy	39 [illegible]
"	"	" " " Harris' Legacy	11 [illegible]
"	"	Balance interest per interest account	53 [illegible]
			$1090 [illegible]
1875.		**Dr.**	
Sept.	27.	To paid Rev. James Parker per J. W. Barss, Esq	$20 [illegible]
"	"	" " " by myself	20 [illegible]
"	"	Sec'y Infirm Ministers Board for Record Book per J. W. Barss	0 [illegible]
"	"	Rev. J. Reid for Mrs. Palmer	20 [illegible]
"	"	Rev. R. S. Morton	25 [illegible]
"	"	James Stevens	20 [illegible]
1876.			
April	10.	" S. B. Kempton for Rev. R. S. Morton	25 [illegible]
"	"	S. Selden, Esq., for Brother Crawley	15 [illegible]
"	"	Sent James Masters, Esq., for Mrs. Benjamin Vaughan	20 [illegible]
June	1.	" Balance carried to new account	930 [illegible]
			$1090 [illegible]
"	"	Balance brought down	$930 [illegible]
		E. & O. E.	

C. F. EATON, Treas. Infirm Ministers Board.

(B)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEPARTED BRETHREN.

Your Committee beg to report that so far as they are acquainte with facts, the ranks of the ministry in this Association have n been broken by death during the past year.

In view of this gratifying state of things your Committee wou offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Association hereby record its devout thankfu ness to Almighty God, whose watchful care and gracious Providen have been around about his servants for their preservation during th year with their earnest prayer that they may long continue to enj the Divine favour and protection.

I. J. SKINNER, *Chairman.*

(C)

REPORT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee on Sabbath Observance beg to report th heartfelt conviction of the imperative duty of all believers in t Lord Jesus to observe tenaciously the Christian Sabbath. They ha

noticed with pain and regret a mournful laxity on the part of many even who profess piety with regard to the claims of the Lord's day. In view of the plain and positive teaching of the Bible, indicating *blessings* in connexion with Sabbath observance and *curses* in connection with Sabbath desecration, your Committee urge that all travelling and visiting merely for worldly pleasure or business, indolent and sluggish neglect of public worship, worldly conversation, the performance of unnecessary manual or mental labour, as well as all other forms of Sabbath desecration be conscientiously avoided. And more, that parents and guardians do their utmost to inculcate in the minds of the young under their care, regard and veneration for God's holy day, by encouraging Sabbath School work, by furnishing suitable instruction and reading for them at home, and by leading them to the house of prayer.

Your Committee close by a simple quotation from the Divine Word, hoping that the course it suggests may be pursued, and the blessings it promises enjoyed, by every member of the churches constituting this body:—"If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day: and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable, and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord: and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." (Isa. lviii. 13, 14.)

Respectfully submitted,

ISA. WALLACE, *Chairman*,

(D)

REPORT ON BENEVOLENT FUNDS.

The Committee on Benevolent Funds are glad to observe indications of a growing liberality on the part of several of the churches. Taken as a whole, however, the churches are far from giving as they ought. A cent a week for each member would be a small contribution, yet spread over all the churches, it would amount to more than three times the sum that is now raised.

Your Committee believe the comparative smallness of the sums contributed to the benevolent objects of the denomination to be a result, not so much of want of financial ability, as of a true sense of the Redeemer's claims, and of a proper system in meeting them. How strange that Christians should not remember how completely and expensively they have been purchased. Now all they have and are, belong to Christ, and yet withhold the means of advancing his precious cause!

The system your Committee would recommend is a quarterly collection through the medium of envelopes prepared for the purpose and distributed among the members of the church and

congregation, so that all may have the opportunity of giving as God hath prospered them: the total sum thus received to be appropriated according to a scale of per centage previously agreed upon.

Your Committee would urge upon the different Pastors of the churches the duty and importance of bringing this matter before their respective flocks, and of urging every member thereof to do something. Any professing Christian who cannot listen to sermons on the christian duty of giving—who cannot stand this kind of fire—is not fit to fight the battles of the Lord. It is found that the pastors who lead their churches in the work of Christian benevolence, receive a better support from them than those who do not. And these ministers who are ever hinting that their own poor support is a reason why their people should not give their money freely to the Lord, hereby show that a poor support is about all they deserve.

In conclusion your Committee trust that the recommendations of this report be not suffered to remain a dead letter, but be immediately and efficiently carried out by all the churches.

D. M. WELTON, *Chairman.*

(E)

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

1. The Baptists of the Province have affirmed in their annual meetings, for many years, their belief that education is an important ally in christian work,—that provision should be made by which the churches may have the services of an educated ministry,—that it is the duty of all parents to provide for the intellectual, as well as moral, development of their children,—and that the property of christians should be conscientiously used to promote the education in its various grades and departments.

2. That the repeated affirmations of these truths have been something more than idle words is plainly proved by the long continued and growing attachment cherished by our people towards their institutions of learning.

3. The advantages of an educational system, which is developed into distinct grades, are now within the reach of our people. Our children can find in the common schools preparation for study in our Academy; in that institution all students who desire it can be fitted for College; and in that department young men are conducted through a higher course of education and are then sent forward to the various professional schools. Some of these departments of education may well be left in connection with a public education system; but it will be better that the Academy and the College should be so far under denominational control that there may be in them a free and full recognition of the truth and claims of the Christian Religion, that thus mental power may be developed and used in subjection to moral principles and purposes.

4. All measures that are adapted to make the common schools better and more useful, should receive cordial support from us; but the educational agencies which are in more immediate connection with the denomination, demand especial consideration at the present time. In order that the Theological department may accomplish its purpose, it must have the generous and constant sympathy of the leaders of our churches. It is an occasion for great thankfulness that the Academy is so prosperous, both in its finances and in the number of students in attendance; but it must be remembered that a large debt still lies on the new Boarding Hall, and contingencies may arise in which this may prove a serious inconvenience. It is very important that the Governors of the College should have sufficient funds to meet promptly all demands that may be made on them, in order that the College may maintain an honorable position in the educational work of the Provinces. The increase in the Provincial Grant will give assistance for a short time; but the Governors must have larger resources at their command, or the promise of the College cannot be fulfilled.

5. Collegiate education in the Province is evidently passing through an important crisis. What will result from the changes that have recently occurred and from others that are contemplated, it will be difficult to foresee. But certainly the questions concerning collegiate education, which have recently been presented for consideration and decision, are so serious that they demand the calmest wisdom in deliberation and the greatest prudence in action.

A. W. Sawyer, *Chairman.*

(F)
REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Committee would rejoice if it were in their power to present such statements respecting the Foreign Mission as would fill the souls of the brethren with hope and triumph, and arouse latent energies, and develop true evangelical benevolence. Possibly these results may be produced even now, notwithstanding the absence of such exciting consideration as are wont to work on the public mind and stir up the feelings; but it must be confessed that there is but slender hope of such an issue, seeing we have to tell of disappointments and loss. Last year we had nine missionaries in the field: now we have but six: for Miss Armstrong having married the Rev. G. F. Currie has become connected with the Canadian Foreign Mission Society, in whose service that brother is now laboring: and the Rev. W. B. Boggs and wife have returned home, the the Indian climate having proved so injurious to Brother Bogg's health, that his return home was found necessary in order to preserve life: while Bro. Churchill has been so prostrated by disease that he has been compelled to remove to Madras for medical advice, with the probability of being sent on a sea-voyage to complete his cure.

This reduces our actual working staff to four—the Brethren Sanford and Armstrong and their wives—the continuance of whose good health furnishes matter for thankfulness, and whose efforts have already begun to be crowned with success.

Let us therefore praise God and take courage. It is not for him to help by many or by few. He can bless to us the most painful dispensations, and sanctify the sharpest strokes of his rod. His grace will be sufficient.

Our missionary brethren have studied the language with success, and gained much important information respecting the native character and the deleterious influences of Hindoo idolatry. They have also been privileged to witness the effects of converting grace and the transforming power of the Gospel. Encouraged by what they have observed and seen they are about to establish permanent settlements, which will require considerable expenditure, and enable them to work from these centres among large bodies of the people.

The land of the Telugus belongs to the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us arise and take possession. And let us be "fervent in spirit," abounding in earnest supplication for our brethren and sisters, and for those to whom they make known the "glad tidings of great joy which shall be to all people."

The work of the Home Mission has proceeded vigorously in various parts of the Province, and many souls have been converted to God. Much good has been also effected by the circulation of useful books chiefly of a denominational character.

Destitute populations have been supplied with the bread of life—the ignorant have been enlightened—and weak Churches strengthened and encouraged. There is a wide field of usefulness before us; let us arise and take possession, for "the kingdom is the Lord's; and He is the gold and the silver, and all the sources of strength, and we are but stewards and servants, responsible to Him for the use of whatever he has entrusted to us.

J. M. Cramp, *Chairman.*

(G)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.

1. The Committee have to report that a communication from the church meeting in Gerrish Hall, Halifax, has been placed in their hands, representing their progress and present state—announcing certain contributions to the benevolent funds of the Association amounting to 78 dollars—and expressing the assurance of their sympathy and co-operation with this Body, if admitted into it. The Committee would have been better satisfied if the evidence of the compliance of the church in Gerrish Hall with the recommendation of the Association last year had been clearer and more complete; nevertheless, believing that in all essential matters the ab

mentioned church has established its claim to be considered a Baptist Church, in harmony with our Associated body, notwithstanding any irregularities that may have occurred in the transaction of the business, the Committee recommend that the request of the said church be granted by its admission into the Association.

2. The Committee have also received an application from the church in Brooklyn, near Hantsport, recently formed, asking admission into this Association, and they recommend that the request be granted.

3. The brethren of the Western Association having resolved that the Legislature of this Province be petitioned to pass an Act of Incorporation of the Baptist Body, of which any churches may avail themselves in an inexpensive manner, and having requested that this Association will co-operate with them by the appointment of a Committee of three brethren, to meet with a like number of brethren appointed by each of the other Associations of the Province;—the Committee recommend compliance with this request, and that the Brethren J. W. Barss, B. H. Eaton, and W. A. Porter be such Committee, as representative of this Association.

4. The Committee further report the reception of the following communication from the African Baptist Church, Halifax:

HALIFAX, N. S., June 20, 1876.

TO THE MINISTERS AND DELEGATES OF THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION CONVENED AT HANTSPORT.

The African Baptist Church, Cornwallis Street, sendeth forth Christian salutation; also, we send by the Rev. E. M. Saunders, Pastor of the Granville Street Church, the following sums as were collected for the various purposes at the meetings held by us, viz.:

Home Mission	$1 30
Foreign Missions	1 62
Acadia College	2 25
Ministerial Education	1 08
Total	$6 25

The Church and Congregation also prayeth that Almighty God may prosper every effort that will be put forth for the building up of his kingdom here on earth by your most distinguished and honorable Body.

Signed in behalf of Church,

JAMES THOMAS, *Pastor.*
J. P. MCKERROW, *Fin Secretary,*

and they recommend that the thanks of the Association be presented to that Church for its donation to our funds.

J. M. CRAMP, *Chairman.*

(H)

AMENDMENTS IN STATISTICS.

The Committee appointed to recommend amendments in the form of Blanks furnished for Associational Letters beg leave to report:

1. We recommend two alterations under the first heading "Statistics," *viz.*, That the heading "Pastor and year of settlement" be included within the same lines. In the column of Increase and Decrease, we recommend that there be two columns under the head of "Present Membership," respectively entitled "Resident and Non-resident Members." Under the head of "Increase," we recommend an additional column entitled "By Statement." Under the head next to that of "Moneys for benevolent objects sent to Association," we recommend the addition to the title of the words, "Not sent to the Association." Under this we recommend a simple repetition of the subjects in the previous table. That the Statistics of Sabbath Schools be left out as belonging to the Central Sabbath School Convention.

STEPHEN W. DE BLOIS, *Chairman.*

(I)

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

The Committe learn with satisfaction that by the system of Colportage established by the Home Missionary Union, large numbers of useful books have been circulated during the past year. They trust that efforts will continue to be employed for this purpose, and especially that measures will be adopted for the supply of our Sunday Schools with books uncontaminated by sentiments hostile to the truths held and professed by the Baptist Denomination. They rejoice in the abundant dissemination of general knowledge by which this age is characterized, and hope that constant care will be exercised by those who provide for the public enlightenment, lest infidel thoughts and theories should find countenance among the youthful members of our body.

The *Christian Messenger* which has exerted a beneficial influence among us for nearly forty years—the *Christian Visitor*, and other organs of Baptist views, are worthy of extensive patronage and should find places in our households. Baptists are under special obligations to support the religious press. It is at the same time desirable and proper to observe that in the manner of conducting religious papers there is much room for improvement. The Committee particularly refer to articles of merely local importance; such as Addresses to ministers or others, and replies to them, and also obituaries, which are often filled with needless details. Such papers should be either omitted, or considerably shortened. The public will thank the Editors if they exercise great care in this respect.

J. M. CRAMP, *Chairman.*

(J)

REPORT FOR BETTER MANAGEMENT.

The Committee appointed for the purpose of recommending some improvement in conducting the business of the Association beg leave to report as follows:—

1st. That time may be saved at the opening of the Session, if the Clerk of the church with which the Association is held, or the person acting in his place, shall be instructed to furnish a list of the delegates to the Clerk of the Association. From this list the roll shall be called at the opening of the Session, and the business of the Association may be commenced at once.

2nd. To secure greater thoroughness and completeness to the reports of the various Committees, and, to prevent, as far as possible, the absence of delegates from the regular meetings of the Association, your Committees recommend that the Chairmen of the various Committees and as many members thereof as may easily co-operate with their respective Chairmen be appointed one year beforehand. These Committees may be enlarged, if deemed desirable, as at present, at the meetings of the Association to which they report.

E. M. Saunders, *Chairman.*

(K)

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee believe that Sabbath School instruction of the present day ultimately relate to the prosperity of our churches and that by the churches should be more cared for and not left mainly to the good will of the brothers and sisters who feel it their duty to labor in that department. There is an unpardonable lack of interest in the churches, and by parents of the children in Sabbath School work as is manifested by their absence, in their giving, and by their prayers. Your Committee feel that the churches comprising this Association have great cause for encouragement in their work and for gratitude to God in view of the abundant blessings vouchsafed to their Sabbath Schools. During the past year the divine blessing has rested upon this department of christian labor and many precious youth have been brought into the fold of Christ. Our Committee would urge the whole church to enter upon Sabbath School work either as Teachers or for the study of God's word; the public and private prayers of pastor and members; the frequent visits of those parents who are not especially engaged in the work; liberal financial assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Edwin Rand, *Chairman.*

(L)

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

1. Your Committee beg to report that the Temperance Cause ha been advanced during the past year. Temperance Societies o various names have been prosperous: public opinion has rise rapidly; church and State have felt the influence and given muc attention to this question: we, as a people, occupy a position i advance of any previous era in our history, and, in respect o sobriety we stand the foremost Province of the Dominion of Canad

2. There are upwards of *thirty-two thousand* people pledged i the 400 active Temperance Societies of Nova Scotia; and also fro 7,000 to 10,000 of our children in the Bands of Hope and othe Juvenile Societies. The four counties embracing the Churches o this Association compare favorably with the rest of the Province i the progress of this portion of the Master's work. The cause o this prosperity is easily traced to the activity in the Churches. Th pastors of the various denominations have entered into the batt against the demon of Alcohol with commendable zeal, realizing a many of them do that it is the prolific source of many evils: an we are pleased to announce that among no people have the pastor been more outspoken or more consistent than our own ministers o the Baptist Churches. Where Revivals have blessed the peop drinking has decreased and become disreputable; truly that spir of "Antichrist" cannot flourish amid the outpouring of the Spir of God.

3. Our Laws during the past winter have been so amended as t make it much more difficult and dangerous for Liquors to be sol and it only remains for the christian and right thinking people t enforce our laws, to free our towns and villages of this evil. It i our bounden duty not only to obey but to aid in enforcing all go laws, and if we neglect or shirk this duty, retribution will sure come upon us and some of our dear ones will fall victims to stro drink through our apathy. The past has taught us this lesso may we profit thereby for the future. Churches as such cann undertake the enforcement of laws; that is left to individu sustaining the officials; but the church can set the example having nothing to do with that which has proved a bane mankind and all the fruits of which are in direct antagonism the fruits of the Spirit of God.

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Moneys reported by Churches and appropriated during the year.

NAME OF CHURCH.	Missions.	Educational Purposes.	Infirm Ministers.	Pastor's Salary.	Current Expenses.	Meeting House.	Parsonage.	Church Poor.	Other Purposes.	Totals.
1 Aylesford	$30 00		$8 00	$400 00						$438 00
2 Bridgewater				700 00	$50 00					750 00
3 Cambridge	21 65									21 65
4 Chester	10 90								$8 00	18 00
5 Cornwallis 1st	78 50		5 00	600 00	110 00	$4 50		$57 31	50 25	1351 06
6 Cornwallis 2nd	109 00	$4 00	8 00	800 00	42 00				100 00	1062 00
7 Cornwallis 3rd	61 40	47 00		800 00	42 00					950 40
8 Cornwallis 6th	40 11	12 00	2 89	610 00	60 00	10 00		6 00	20 00	761 00
9 Ellershouse	6 00			200 00	5 00					211 00
10 Halifax 1st	56 71			1200 00	200 00	350 00		131 13	72 81	2010 65
11 Hammond's Plains 1st				600 00						600 00
12 Hantsport	25 20			900 00	162 00	1600 00				4287 26
13 Horton 1st	151 50	54 50				300 00				506 00
14 Horton 3rd						1300 00				1300 00
15 Indian Harbor	55 79	2 00		175 00		30 00	$10 00		10 00	478 79
16 Jeddore				400 00						400 00
17 Kempt	35 00									35 00
18 Kentville	9 00	6 00		400 00	60 09	300 00			4 25	779 25
19 Lunenburg	20 00	5 00		900 00	100 00	5500 00	70 00			6595 00
20 New Germany	330 00				20 00	246 00				596 00
21 Newport				600 00	26 78					626 78
22 New Ross	4 00			100 00	4 00	31 00			2 35	141 35
23 Waterville	9 93									9 93
24 Windsor	239 58	28 05	8 05	750 00	250 00	100 00	50 00	57 00	75 00	1557 68

Statistics of the Churches in the N. S. Central Baptist Association, held in Hantsport, June, 1876.

	Name of Church.	Date of Organization.	Pastor's Name.	Year of Settlement.	Clerk, and Post Office Address.	Increase. By Baptism.	Increase. By Letter, &c.	Increase. Restored.	Decrease. Dismissed.	Decrease. Excluded.	Decrease. Died.	Present Membership.
1	Aylesford	1846	Rev. J. L. Read	1859	Whitman Morton, Aylesford	6	1	2	1	....	3	261
2	Bridgewater	1848	Rev. Edward Roberts	1875	W. J. Gates, P. O. Box 10, Bridgewater	2	....	1	3	....	2	143
3	Brookline	1876	Rev. J. C. Bleakney	1876	William Redden, Brookline	....	98	....	....	....	....	98
4	Cambridge	1874	Rev. J. H. Robbins	1875	James Craig, Woodville, Cornwallis	32	12	....	....	....	....	139
5	Chelsea	1853	Rev. A. J. Cogswell	1875	J. Faulkner, Chelsea	2	....	....	3	1	1	131
6	Chester	1811	Rev. I. J. Skinner	1861	John A. Church, Chester	18	3	....	2	....	4	297
7	Cornwallis 1st, Canard	1811	Rev. S. B. Kempton	1868	Otis Eaton, Centreville	10	11	2	8	3	8	407
8	Cornwallis 2nd, Berwick	....	Rev. I. Wallace	1874	T. H. Parker, Berwick	34	27	2	9	....	8	587
9	Cornwallis 3rd, Billtown	1835	Rev. D. W. C. Dimock	1874	C. B. Lamont, Billtown	23	5	....	18	....	6	385
10	Cornwallis 4th, Long Point	....	Rev. J. L. Read	....	Edward C. Charlton, Greenwich	1	....	1	2	....	....	178
11	Cornwallis 5th, Pereaux	1862	Rev. Willam Spencer	1875	Walter M. Sandford, Pereaux	11	2	....	1	....	....	168
12	Cornwallis 6th, Canning	1870	Rev. S. J. Nelley	1874	R. D. G. Harris, Canning	8	6	....	1	3	1	92
13	Dartmouth	1844	Rev. A. S. Hunt	1867	John Nalder, Dartmouth	7	5	....	....	....	....	77
14	Ellershouse	1872	M. W. Brown	1876	Jacob Miller, Ellershouse	20	3	....	....	....	....	43
15	Falmouth	1843		....	A. Shaw, Falmouth	24	2	....	2	1	2	122
16	Fall River	1868		....	Benjamin Richardson, Fall River	....	....	....	....	4	....	15
17	Halifax 1st, Granville St	1827	Rev. E. M. Saunders	1869	B. H. Eaton, Halifax	6	3	....	12	5	4	229
18	Halifax 2nd, North	1848	Rev. J. W. Manning	1875	A. W. Clark, 128 Creighton St	33	4	2	98	2	1	294
19	Halifax 3rd, Jacob St	1874	Rev. J. F. Avery	1874	T. Covey	44	5	1	....	....	....	168
20	Horton 3rd, New Minas				Wm. A. Davison, Canaan, King's Co	....	....	....	....	....	....	107
26	Indian Harbor, West	1856	Rev. A. J. Stevens	1876								
27	Jeddore	1843		....	Benj. Covey, Indian Harbor West, Halifax Co	....	....	....	10	5	3	470
28	Kempt		Rev. Jas. Meadows	....	Enos Baker, Jeddore East	4	....	....	8	2	3	179
29	Kentville	1842	Rev. George Weathers	....	Joseph D. Marsters, Sommerville, K	....	....	....	....	2	1	103
30	LaHave	1874	Rev. A. J. Stevens	....		30	1	4	....	....	....	
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12 Cornwallis 6th, Canning	1844	Rev. A. S. Hunt	1867	John Nalder, Dartmouth	20	3						43
13 Dartmouth	1872	M. W. Brown	1876	Jacob Miller, Ellershouse	24	2		2	1	2		122
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15 Falmouth	1868			Benjamin Richardson, Fall River	6	3		12	5	4		229
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25 Horton 3rd, New Minas	1856	Rev. A. J. Stevens	1876	Wm. A. Davison, Canaan, King's Co.	4			8	2	3		179
26 Indian Harbor, West	1843			Benj. Covey, Indian Harbor West, Halifax Co					2			109
27 Jeddore		Rev. Jas. Meadows		Enos Baker, Jeddore East	36	1	4		1			137
28 Kempt	1842	Rev. George Weathers		Joseph D. Marsters, Sommerville, Kempt, Hants Co	25	3	2	4		2		159
29 Kentville	1874	Rev. A. J. Stevens		Henry Lovett. Kentville	44	20			1	1		127
30 LaHave	1853	Rev. J. Williams		John Lantz, Conquerall Bank	2	1						38
31 Lunenburg	1809	Rev. John Williams	1874	H. E. S. Maider, Mahone Bay	35	11	1			2		177
32 Maitland	1854			D. L. McCurdy, Maitland, Hants Co								19
33 Musquodoboit*	1866			Francis Layton, Middle Musquodoboit								12
34 New Cornwall*	1856	Rev. John Williams	1875	John Spidle, New Cornwall, Lunenburg								43
35 New Germany	1842			A. E. Durland, Centreville W. O., New Germany	47	4	2	3		2		208
36 Newport	1790	Rev. A. E. Ingram	1875	James Robinson, Scotch Village, Newport	9	8	1	3	6	4		244
37 New Ross	1831			Joseph Lantz, New Ross		1						54
38 Preston, 1st				George Brown, Preston		1						31
39 Preston, 2nd*												12
40 Pleasantville	1875	F. D. Crawley		James W. Falt, Pleasantville, LaHave	2					2		60
41 Rawdon	1823				2			2	6	1		117
42 Sackville	1832					3		1				31
43 St. Margarets Bay, 1st	1823			Alvan Hubley, St. Margaret's Bay				3	1	3		98
44 St. Margarets Bay, 2nd	1872			G. B. Hubley, Black Point		2		2		1		56
45 Tancook		Rev. T. C. Delong						4		6		93
46 Walton*	1861											19
47 Waterville	1857			Danie' Buch, Waterville, Hants Co								30
48 Windsor	1819	Rev. Elias W. Kelly	1876	Edgar D. Shand, Windsor	136	9	2	4	3	0		349
49 Windsor Plains							2			2		13
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*No letter this year.

Treasurer's Account of Moneys for Benevolent Objec received at the Nova Scotia Central Baptist Asso ation, held at Hantsport, June, 1876.

NAME OF CHURCH.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	French Mission.	Ministerial Education.	Acadia College.	Infirm Ministers.	To
1 Aylesford Upper	$3 76	$12 85	$4 25	.....	$6 50	$1 25	$
2 Brookline	15 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
3 Cambridge	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	
4 Chelsea	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
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6 Cornwallis 1st, Canard	36 20	44 08	.....	6 50	.....	10 13	
7 Cornwallis 2nd, Berwick	16 00	18 03	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	
8 Cornwallis 3rd, Billtown	7 70	18 91	2 70	1 95	6 50	3 50	
9 Cornwallis 5th, Pereaux	1 55	10 87	0 75	0 35	1 22	1 62	
10 Cornwallis 6th, Canning	9 38	28 75	1 98	.....	12 00	2 80	
11 Fall River	2 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
12 Falmouth	7 00	3 00	2 00	.....	5 00	3 00	
13 Halifax 1st, Granville Street	85 09	143 52	.....	21 00	37 00	35 25	
14 Halifax 2nd, North	33 83	43 23	2 00	.....	40 00	10 00	
15 Halifax 3rd, Gerrish Street	20 00	50 00	.....	.....	25 00	3 00	
16 Hammond's Plains 1st	7 00	7 00	5 00	.....	6 00	4 00	
17 Hantsport	9 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
18 Horton 1st, Wolfville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 25	
19 Horton 2nd. Gaspereaux	10 95	12 12	1 25	.....	1 15	1 50	
20 Horton 3rd, New Minas	2 45	3 10	0 50	.....	0 25	.....	
21 Indian Harbor	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 50	.....	
22 Jeddore	5 35	5 35	.....	.....	10 00	.....	
23 Kempt	16 00	15 00	5 25	.....	.....	.....	
24 Kentville	25 90	.....	2 75	2 75	1 00	4 75	
25 Lahave	2 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	
26 Lunenburg, North West	10 00	10 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	
27 Margaret's Bay 1st	2 50	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	
28 Margarets Bay 2nd	4 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	
29 New Germany	[illegible]	6 84	1 00	.....	4 70	0 25	
30 Newport	3 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	
31 New Ross	3 31	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
32 Preston 1st	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	
33 Pleasantville	6 50	1 50	.....	.....	1 50	0 50	
34 Rawdon	5 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
35 Sackville	10 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	
36 Tancook	9 00	9 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	
37 Waterville	3 50	1 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	
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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

S. Central Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1st.—This Association shall consist of Delegates representing Churches of which it is composed, each of whom shall be a member of of those Churches, together with Delegates from Corresponding Associa-, not exceeding five from any one Association, and such other brethren ent as the Association may see fit to invite to sit in Council.

RT. 2nd.—This Association shall meet at such time and place as may be d upon by the body.

RT. 3rd—Each Church shall have the privilege of sending one Delegate ore, but no Church shall be entitled to send more than five in addition eir Pastor.

RT. 4th.—At each meeting of the Association the Moderator of the pre-g year shall preside till his successor is chosen. The choice of Modera-hall take place by ballot, as soon as a list of Delegates has been prepared, reinafter provided. No brother shall be chosen Moderator two years in ession. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all the trans-ns, maintain due order, and nominate Committees, unless otherwise red by the Association. A Secretary shall be chosen, whose duty it shall record the transactions of the Association, and to furnish a correct copy e same for the press; he is also to remain in office till his successor is en.

RT. 5th.—It shall be the duty of each Church to send by its messengers er to the Association giving an account of its state, particularly of the ions and diminutions within the last year, and generally of whatsoever e to its peace and prosperity.

RT. 6th.—At each annual Meeting the letters from the Churches shall be anded in, from which the Secretary shall immediately make out a list legates. The election of Moderator and Secretary shall then take place, which the letters shall be read. Committees nominated by the Moderator not consist of more than five brethren, of whom three shall constitute orum. When large committees are judged desirable they shall be nted by the Association, and two-thirds of the members appointed shall mpetent to act.

T. 7th.—When any Church shall desire admittance into this body, ap-on must be made by letter, and satisfactory evidence furnished of its nd order; this being done and a vote of acceptance taken, the Modera-all, in behalf of the Association, give to one of its messengers present ht-hand of fellowship.

T. 8th.—When any Church shall neglect to make communication for years successively it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, all be dropped from the Minutes, unless two or more members shall t its continuance and shall engage to enquire into its standing, and t the next meeting of the Association.

T. 9th—Although as an Association all power over the Churches is med, so far as respects any interference with their independence and ne; yet it is deemed a privilege belonging to the Association to judge elf of the propriety of receiving or retaining any Church in its ion.

ART. 10th.—The religious sentiments of this body are those expressed the "Articles of the Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches in No Scotia."

ART. 11th.—That the Moderator be authorized at any time during t year, to call a special meeting of the Association in pursuance of a requisiti signed by ten members thereof.

ART. 12th.—Alterations and amendments may be made to this Constituti by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any of its regular meetin

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RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1st.—At every sitting, business shall be opened and closed w prayer; and immediately after the opening, the Minutes of the preced meeting shall be read and corrected.

RULE 2nd.—No member of the Association shall leave the Session be the business is concluded, without permission of the Association.

RULE 3rd.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion first made seconded.

RULE 4th.—No person shall speak oftener than twice on the same subj unless by permission of the body.

RULE 5th.—Brethren invited to a seat with us may speak on all subj under consideration, but vote on none.

RULE 6th.—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

RULE 7th —Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Min except so ordered at the time.

RULE 8th.—These rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair at opening of the Session.

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MINUTES

OF THE

N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Union.

YARMOUTH, Friday Morning, June 16th, 1876.

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union, convened in the Temple, Yarmouth, June 16th at 10 o'clock, A. M.

In the absence of the President and Vice-President, Rev. I. Wallace, was called to the chair.

Rev. J. E. Goucher led in prayer.

In the absence of Rev. M. P. Freeman, one of the Secretaries, Rev. J. A. Durkee was appointed in his place.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Temple Church.—Dea. J. C. Anderson, Bros. W. A. C. Randall, M. D., and Joshua Heustis.

1st Yarmouth.—Rev. G. E. Day, M. D., and Deas. A. C. Robbins, P. Kinney, and W. E. Heustis.

Hebron.—Rev. R. D. Burgess, Deas. W. R. Doty, Jas. Crosby, Bros. Parker O. Goucher, and J. S. Hawkesworth.

Digby.—Rev. J. H. Saunders, and Bro. W. H. Aymar.

Lower Granville.—Rev. P. R. Foster.

Weymouth.—Rev. Jas. Bancroft and John Kinney.

Newport.—Rev. A. E. Ingram.

Lockeport.—Rev. E. Whitman, and Bro. John McKenne.

Hillgrove, Digby.—Rev. Jos. Skinner.

Annapolis and Upper Granville.—Rev. J. Clark.

Argyle.—Dea. O. W. Slocomb.

Liverpool.—Rev. G. O. Gates, Bros. Thomas Nickerson, and Thomas Irvie.

Berwick.—Rev. Isa. Wallace.

Cambridge.—Rev. Joseph H. Robbins.

Truro.—Rev. J. E. Goucher.

Milo.—Rev. James Stubbert.

Lempt.—Rev. T. C. Delong.

Melburne.—Rev. E. N. Archibald.

Milton, Yarmouth.—Alfred Sevis, Zechariah Corning, Benj. Cook.

Milton, Queens.—Rev. J. Brown.

Freeport.—J. W. Eldridge.

Victaux.—Rev. W. J. Bleakney.

Pine Grove.—Rev. W. G. Parker.

Lawrencetown.—Dea Beriah Daniels.

Wilmot Mountain.—Rev. J. E. Bleakney.

Lower Aylesford and South Wilmot.—Rev. E. O. Read, and Bro. D Banks.

Wilmot.—Rev. A. Cohoon.

Members in their own right.—Revds. T. H. Higgins, G. B. Titus, W H. Richan, P. F. Murray, J. A. Durkee, W. B. Bradshaw, W. H Warren, and D. M. Welton.

Invited.—Dea. W. W. Hogg, Rev. Geo. Armstrong, C. W. Sander Deas. Edward Pennell, A. G. West, Alex. Murray, Andrew Goude William Haley, Jos. Wilkins, Allen Haley, Jas. Hemeon, Geo. Cain

Resolved, That the Morning Session close at 12 o'clock, that t Afternoon Session open at 2.30 and close at 5.30, and that the Evenin Session open at 7.30.

Rev. G. E. Day, on behalf of the Committee appointed to conf with the New Brunswick brethren, with a view to Union in Hom Mission work reported: that the Board of New Brunswick did n favour Union.

Rev. G. E. Day, Corresponding Secretary, read the report of t Executive Board, report of Treasurer, also a statement of t Liabilities and Assets and estimate for the ensuing year.

Reports laid on the table.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. George Armstrong.

FRIDAY—Afternoon Sessio

Session opened with prayer by Rev. T. A. Higgins.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

On motion report of the Corresponding Secretary was taken and discussed clause by clause.

The first clause relating to employment of a General Agent was motion adopted after remarks by Revds. A. Cohoon, G. E. Day, A. Shields, J. W. Bancroft.

Second clause concerning Theological Professor was read, discus by Revds. Isa. Wallace, J. H. Robbins, G. E. Day, D. M. Wel Geo. Armstrong, A. Cohoon and referred back to the Board amendment. Afterwards accepted as amended.

Third clause relating to French Mission read, discussed by Re J. Clark, Isa. Wallace, M. Normandy, A. Cogswell, J. H. Robb J. Rowe, J. A. Durkee, P. Gallagher, P. R. Foster, and a Commi consisting of Revds. J. H. Saunders, J. H. Robbins, J. A. Dur W. H. Warren, T. A. Higgins, J. E. Goucher, J. W. Ban appointed, to whom the matter of the future working of the Fre Mission was referred.

Fourth clause relating to Book Department was discusse Revs. E. N. Archibald, G. E. Day, A. Cohoon, A. C. Robbins C. Delong, and further discussion reserved till evening session.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. G. O. Gates.

FRIDAY—Evening Session.

Session opened with prayer by Rev, J. Clark.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Discussion of fourth clause of report resumed by Revs. John Brown, P. Gallagher, E. N. Archibald. Clause adopted.

Fifth clause, relating to general work, read and adopted.

Sixth clause, relating to Newfoundland, read; spoken to by Revs. G. Armstrong, J. Brown, J. E. Goucher, E. N. Archibald, A. Cohoon, and adopted.

Seventh clause, relating to liabilities, read and adopted.

The Committee appointed to consider the clause relating to French Mission reported. Report referred to Executive Board.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. J. Bleakney.

SATURDAY—Morning Session.

Opened with prayer by Rev. W. G. Parker.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

On motion, report of Executive Committee adopted as a whole.

Treasurer's report again read, and adopted.

On motion, it was voted that the Executive Board be located for coming year at Yarmouth.

Resolved, That the membership of the Board be the same as last r, viz.: A. C. Robbins, J. C. Anderson, W. A. C. Randall, M. D., J. Haley, P. D. Kinney, W. R. Doty, G. E. Day, W. H. Warren, J. A. bbert, J. Rowe, P. Gallaher, R. D. Burgess, and P. F. Murray.

Resolved, That the Board be empowered to fill any vacancies occur- g during the year.

The officers were elected as follows:

President,—Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D.; *Vice-Presidents*,—Revs. J. E. cher, D. McDonald, E. M. Saunders, and W. G. Parker; *Secre- es*,—Revs. A. Cohoon, and J. A. Durkee; *Directors*,—Revs. J. W. ning, J. C. Bleakney, D. W. C. Dimock, Deacons J. W. Barss, and ge McCully, and Revs. S. B. Kempton, and E. O. Read, for Central ciation; Revs. E. Whitman, G. O. Gates, G. D. Cox, J. W. Ban- , J. M. Parker, C. Tupper, D. D., John Clark, and Bro. B. H. ker, for Western Association; Brethren T. M. King, N. Dobson, es Lowe, W. Cummings, J. R. Read, Amos Atkinson, A. W. Donald, and Rev. D. McKeen, for the Eastern Association; and ge McNeil, J. C. Colhoun, Jas. DesBrisay, Geo. Davies, Alex. , Artemas Hooper, Malcom Ross, and Ebenezer Lidstone, for e Edward Island.

solved, That Wm. Faulkner, of Truro, be Auditor.

solved, That the thanks of the Union be tendered to the Board eir efficient services the past year.

ijourned to meet with the Eastern Association next year.

A. COHOON,
J. A. DURKEE, } *Secretaries.*

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF

NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

The Executive Board of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Mis-ary Union beg to present their fourth annual report. Immedia-after the Anniversary of the Union, your Board met to review past, examine the present and prepare for the future. The p was radiant, the present was somewhat clouded, the future wa intermingling of light and shade. The financial pressure see to be growing more severe. Your Board believed that their ge policy in the past was sound, and they were ready to pursue same course. But circumstances seemed to indicate that it m be advisable to make certain changes in the manner of their w

General Agency.—Your Board had the Rev. D. Fre employed as their General Agent. He had laboured faithfully with a good measure of success. Probably he could have prose this work with favourable results, but objections had been r by prominent brethren against the General Agency work. All Associations had recommended that instead of an appeal to churches for financial aid by the voice of an Agent, applic should be made to them by letter. Your Board, therefore, alth doubtful of the propriety of this course, felt morally bou relinquish their hold on a General Agent. The Rev. Mr. Fre who had acted in this capacity was subsequently stationed at Glasgow, where he laboured for some time with encour success.

In compliance with the recommendation of the Associations Board prepared an appeal to the churches for financial assis A circular containing this Appeal was sent to each church in Scotia and P. E. Island. Your Board regret to say that, exc a few instances, the churches did not respond, and the appe almost a complete failure. What was to be done? The F Missionary needed his salary. The money was not in hand. Board were compelled to act against their former exp opinions. They were forced to take the missionary fro legitimate work and send him on a collecting tour. The ch visited kindly responded to the appeal made to them, and hoped that the addresses delivered by the missionary may a a greater interest in the French Mission.

Other brethren who had labored for the Board requeste ment of the amounts due to them, to meet, if possible, these the services of the Rev. P. A. Shields, as a financial agen secured for a few weeks. He hurriedly visited several

arches, and, considering the season of the year, and the general depression in money matters, he met with a good degree of success.

In view of their own experience, and the experience of many societies in the United States, your board strongly recommend that a suitable General Agent be almost constantly in the field.

Theological Professorship.—Your Board are pleased to state that Prof. D. M. Welton has been laboring for them for five months—from January to June—in the Theological Department of Acadia College. His time during the summer vacation and for the following four months was occupied mainly in reference to the New Academy Building. His salary for that time was paid by the Building Committee.

As Prof. Welton had devoted a part of his time during the winter to regular College work, your Board thought that the Governors of the College should pay a part of his salary. A request to that effect was sent to them. They report that they cannot accede to this request. Your Board are pleased to recommend that Prof. Welton be continued in the Theological Department, and that the Governors of the College pay his salary.

The following extract of the Professor's report will show the nature of the work done :—

"My time during the past term has been pretty equally divided between the Theological Department and the College proper.

In the Theological Department I have had Homiletics and *Church History.* Twenty-five young men having the Christian ministry in view, have attended the lectures in Homiletics, and the work of the term in this branch has been arranged in the following order :—

1st. On one week, the reading of a sermon by one member of the class, said sermon open to criticism by all present.

2nd. On next week the placing of the plan of a sermon on the black-board by one member of the class appointed for the same purpose, said plan open to criticism by all the members of the class.

3rd. On the following week, a lecture by myself on some topic connected with the preparation and delivery of sermons. The topics on which I have principally dwelt are :—1st. Arrangement of sermons. 2nd. The different species of sermons, noticing three, viz. topical, the textual, and the expository. 3rd. Preparation and delivery of sermons, noticing three methods of delivery, reading, recitation, and extemporaneous speaking. 4th. On the proper method of conducting public worship. 5th. The guarantees of a successful ministry.

We have been in the class in Church History, viz :—L. M. Weeks, J. W. Weeks, Chas. Bishop, Wm. Robinson, Otis Redden. The last two are members of the graduating class.

The periods gone over are :—1st. The Apostolic period to A. D. 100. 2nd. The Martyr period to A. D. 313.

I may be permitted to say that the young men have shown

themselves deeply interested in their studies, and have, I believe, received great benefit from them."

French Mission.—Nothing of special interest has occurred during the year. The Missionary has been toiling on as usual. There has been some encouragement. One soul has professed faith in Christ and has been added to the company of believers. Others have been inquiring after the truth as it is in Jesus. The leaven is working, albeit its progress is slow. The ground is hard. The harvest is scanty. Your Board nevertheless would not give up the work. There must be a future for this Mission. Too much money has been expended thereon and too many prayers have been offered in its behalf for it to become a failure. During the spring there was quite a religious interest in the French Mission church but the fruits do not yet appear.

Your Board are of the opinion that the French Mission premises at Tusket should be sold as soon as they can be disposed of to advantage. They also recommend that a Mission be commenced among the French in the Eastern part of the Province as soon as the man and the means can be obtained for such a work.

Book Department.—Your Board have long felt the importance of having a Baptist Book Depository in this Province. They have been working for the last few years with this object in view. At one time three colporteurs were in the field, and a good deal of work was done. Had a fair share of encouragement been given by the Board an immense deal of good would have been accomplished in this department, but objections were raised against the whole plan, and the efforts of your Board were in a great measure thwarted. The Board believe that the world has need of a Baptist literature. Baptists need it too. When Temperance Reformers wish to create a temperance sentiment, they spread abroad temperance literature. If Baptists wish to spread their principles and indoctrinate their youth they should use a Baptist literature. The Board wish to create a correct sentiment on this subject, but they find it a difficult task. While prominent Baptist ministers and influential laymen are officers of a so-called *Union* Book and Tract Society, and while Baptist churches supply their Sabbath Schools from that source it is not an easy matter to make much progress in this department. Our Methodist brethren have their Book Concern. Our Presbyterian friends have a similar society. Why should Baptists be behind them? Your Board do hope that the pastors of our churches will look at this matter in the proper light.

Your Board have had one Colporteur employed during the latter part of the year. He occupied a good portion of his time in taking orders for books. He has sold quite a large number of volumes, chiefly small ones—and given many away to the destitute. A very many books have also been sold at the Depository. Altogether about 3000 volumes of pure Baptist literature have been put in circulation. Thousands of pages of tracts in English, French

German, Swedish, and Norwegian have been distributed. As these books and tracts teach the truth with as small a percentage of error as can likely be found in merely human productions, your Board cherish the belief that much good has been done in this department during the past year. But they are not satisfied. They wished to do more. Many circumstances, however, seemed to be against them. They take pleasure in recommending that more vigorous measures be put forth in this department in future.

HOME MISSIONS PROPER.

1. *Nova Scotia.*—As the returns began to come in after the summer vacation, your Board found it would not be wise to undertake to accomplish all the work which they desired to do. The important points, however, have been held, and much missionary work of a general nature has been done. The Redeemer's cause has prospered in Annapolis. The largest congregation in the town waits upon the ministry of your missionary there. A flourishing Sabbath School has also been gathered. The change for good in Annapolis since your mission was started in that place has been remarkable, and claims the gratitude of the Baptists in this province. Shelburne, too, has been held. The cause in the Shelburne field is for the most part very prosperous. A mission has been commenced at New Glasgow. As an immediate result a church has been organized there. A piece of land has been secured for a building lot. Efforts will be made immediately to erect upon a suitable house of worship. The Rev. D. Freeman preached there with gratifying success. They hope he will be succeeded by a christian worker of similar energy and faith.

Your Board are pleased to state that the Kentville church, which was assisted by the Union last year, has become self-supporting. Because there is making remarkable progress under the faithful labors of the Rev. Mr. Stevens.

The churches on the Barrington field, which formerly received assistance from your Board, are this year supporting the gospel among them without any external aid. Annapolis, Shelburne and New Glasgow will undoubtedly be able in a short time to do the same. These points are important, and in the mean time they should be encouraged by the Board.

2. *Prince Edward Island.*—There has been a large amount of Home Mission work done in P. E. Island during the year. The general Missionary of the Board, Rev. D. McDonald, has labored with marked success. The blessing of the Lord followed his labors in every place. On the first of May last he resigned, to take the pastorate of the Charlottetown church. Your Board reluctantly gave him up, but they were pleased to learn that he would assist them to the best of his ability in giving information and offering counsel. Brethren Kidson, Gordon and DeWolf, C. C. Burgess, Newman, and others have been under the direction of the Board. All have labored faithfully, and the Master has been with

them. Your Board are glad to learn that Baptist principles a making quite rapid progress in this important Island. They the fore recommend energetic measures in Home Mission work. T prospects are encouraging, and success is sure to follow faith efforts in this field.

3. Newfoundland.—Your Board have long felt a deep interest the Province of Newfoundland. They wished to explore country with a view to establish one or two Baptist missions, the but a suitable person could not readily be found to perform work. In July last your Board were happy to learn that the Re George Armstrong and Dr. McDonald were willing to visit explore the Island. These brethren undertook the work and formed it with entire satisfaction to the Board. They prepared sent forward a voluminous and excellent report. Your B believe with this committee of exploration that *two missions* sh be planted in Newfoundland as early as circumstances will per and that *two others* should soon follow them. Your Board sinc hope that some of our brethren who were once filled with Foreign Missionary spirit, but were deterred from going ab will be divinely directed to labor in Newfoundland. The follo extract from the committee's report will shew how necessary for your Board to undertake missionary work there:

"The work which you were pleased to assign to us, viz: to p the gospel in Newfoundland, to explore the country with a v ascertain the spiritual condition and wants of the people, and out any of our brethren who may be there, and to see what op exist for missionary work by our denomination, we have perf to the best of our ability in the limited time at our disposal."

"*St. John's, Newfoundland.*—It is no easy matter to trace the of the Baptists who from time to time settled here. Mr. Turne England, preached in the Temperance Hall, a few years ago, fo twelve months. He was supported by a Mr. Muir, a wealth chant of the place. Mr. Muir died after Mr. Turner had bee about a year, and his widow went home to England. Mr. Tur by this providence, deprived of his support, and left the The few members gathered in by him being open communion became absorbed by the other denominations. The most united with the Congregational church."

"*Harbour Grace.*—There is one solitary Baptist in this town inhabitants. He is a respectable man, a druggist. He now with the Presbyterians. The District Judge is a son Bennett, of Windsor. He has become an Episcopalian. W he would be friendly to the Baptists were we to start a there."

"*Notre Dame Bay.*—Quite a number of Nova Scotians, an them several Baptists, were employed at the copper mines opened at Betts' Cove, in Notre Dame Bay, by Mr. Ellersh and favorably known in Nova Scotia. It was deemed highly p desirable that one of us should proceed northward on th exploration, examine the above named Cove in particula friends, and preach the Gospel, ascertain all the facts possib on the objects of our mission, and do all in our power to f

ise we have at heart, the glory of God, the salvation of sinners, and promotion of truth and holiness in the world. Brother Armstrong ordingly, with the full consent of his brother missionary, under- k the toil and responsibility of this interesting and important part our mission."

We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for the openings observed the prospects of success in mission work in the name of the on the important Island of Newfoundland.

Ve recommend that missions be commenced in the following places oon as it is in the power of the Board to do so, which we fain e is the case now, viz.:

t.—At St. John's as soon as possible.

nd.—At Notre Dame Bay, with centre of operations at Betts' Cove.

d.—At Harbor Grace, in Conception Bay.

h.—At Fortune Bay, with centre of operations either at Grand k or Fortune."

iabilities.—Your Board regret to state that their liabilities are paratively large. This fact, however does not discourage them. y Societies of a kindred nature are in the same position. The s of our liabilities are apparent. Among the number we may ion the folowing :—the immmense deal of work done the pre- year, the absence of a General Agent; incorrect ideas of onaries and churches in regard to the resources of the Board; of love to the Master and a failure to understand their obligations m on the part of his professed followers. Care has been of late not to increase the indebtedness of the Board but to to its removal. But few appointments have been made ly. Many brethren have been recommended to churches that ble to support them. Several have in this way settled for the t. Others have made their arrangements in an independent er. Your Board sympathize with the students who depend the proceeds of their labor during the summer vacation to them through the College year, and sincerely hope that may not suffer loss by the decision of the Board not to many appointments. They trust that these brethren will see cessity of being more zealous in the matter of collecting funds at the churches will feel the full weight of their responsibility. y do not, neither Acadia nor Newton will furnish for them quate supply of ministerial help.

following is a list of the missionaries employed by the Board the year, and their fields of labor:

Missionaries and their Work.

MISSIONARIES.	FIELDS OF LABOR.	Miles Travelled.	Sermons.	Other Meetings.	Visits Made.	Tracts Given.	Donations Received.	Subscriptions to Ch. Messenger.	Baptisms.	Weeks of Labor.	Churches Organized.	Sabbath Schools Organized.
1 T. H. Sanders	Digby and vicinity	250	26	43	45	.....	$192 65	....	....	26	....	....
2 L. M. Weeks	Isaac's Harbor	133	21	25	118	.....	118 31	....	....	9	....	....
3 C. H. Martell	Maitland and Noel	563	46	26	178	.....	114 37	....	....	15	....	....
4 E. J. Grant	Litchfield and Parker's Cove	76	25	6	86	.....	25 00	....	....	12	....	....
5 M. W. Brown	East Point and Murray's River, P. E. I.	726	35	27	212	.....	44 00	....	....	12	....	....
6 Trueman Bishop	Little Glace Bay	249	39	12	142	.....	25 28	....	....	12	....	....
7 Obed. Parker	.....	640	33	14	147	.....	45 00	....	....	17	....	1
8 J. A. Gordon	Cape Wolf, Tignish &c., P. E. I.	2064	105	46	709	650	11 91	5	9	24	....	....
9 B. P. Shaffer	New Canada and Maitland	924	34	41	194	3000	67 00	2	2	15	....	....
10 Charles Norwood	New Ross	2553	102	14	453	446	4 22	....	....	52	....	....
11 T. A. Higgins	Annapolis &c.	1008	136	179	713	350	517 81	....	21	52	....	....
12 Wm. Craigie	Pictou and New Glasgow	132	6	14	80	.....	30 00	....	....	8	....	....
13 Geo. Armstrong	Victoria Mines, Little Glace Bay and Newfoundland	1884	31	14	143	.....	57 30	....	....	17½	....	....
14 M. Normonday	Saulnierville	3648	158	31	367	2282	319 58	....	1	52	....	....
15 P. S. McGregor	Portapique and Economy	455	41	49	110	130	43 41	....	14	12	....	1
16 E. N. Archibald	Shelburne	2907	193	184	1045	2720	575 00	4	7	52	....	1
17 E. T. Carbonell	Acadia Mines and Folly Lake	1428	148	28	287	650	120 82	2	14	25	1	1
18 G. W. Bishop	Mount Uniacke, &c.	426	23	41	207	100	46 53	....	....	12	....	....
19 [illegible]	[illegible]	236	21	39	205	10	59 50	....	....	12	....	....
25 E. M. Bishop	Prince Edward Island	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	.....	[illegible]	....	[illegible]	[illegible]	....	....
26 J. O. Redden	Elderhouse and South Rawdon	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	.....	[illegible]	....	[illegible]	[illegible]	....	....
27 D. H. Simpson	Waterville	4382	22	43	116	.....	55 00	....	2	11	....	....
28 J. G. Schurman	Perenaux	468	24	120	679	.....	590 08	....	91	13	....	....
29 J. I. DeWolf	Mon gue Bridge, P. E. I.	3 0	15	50	330	.....	61 35	....	....	43½	....	....
30 C. C. Burgess	Alexandria, Belfast, and Uigg, P. E. I.	350	20	13	85	.....	17 00	....	....	12	1	....
31 J. B. McG[illegible]	North River, [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	33	200	.....	[illegible]	....	[illegible]	[illegible]	....	....

10 Charles Norwood	New Ross												
11 T. A. Higgins	Annapolis &c.	2553	102	14	453	446	4 22			52			
12 Wm. Craigie	Pictou and New Glasgow	1008	136	179	713	350	517 81		21	52			
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15 F. S. McGregor	Portapique and Economy	3648	158	31	367	2282	319 58		1	52			
16 E. N. Archibald	Shelburne	455	41	49	110	130	43 41		14	12			1
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18 E. W. Bishop	Mount Uniacke, &c.	1428	148	28	287	650	120 82	2	14	25		1	1
19 R. McDonald		426	23	41	207	100	45 53			12			
25 R. H. Bishop	Prince Edward Island Appeal	230	21	39	205	10	59 50			12			
26 J. O. Reddin	Kilershouse and South Rawdon	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]			[illegible]			
27 D. H. Simpson	Waterville	4383	223	43	116		85 00		2	12			
28 J. G. Schurman	Pereaux	468	24	50	579		500 00		01	43½			
29 J. I. DeWolf	Mon egue Bridge, P. E. I.	3 0	15	13	330		61 30			12	1		
30 C. C. Burgess	Alexandria, Belfast, and Uigg, P. E. I.	350	20	33	85		17 00			5			
31 J. B. McQuillin	North River and St. Peter's Road, P. E. I.	330	21	11	200		10 00			12			
32 G. W. Thomas	Barney's River	2000	119	79	43					4			
33 C. I. Graves	Crow Harbour, &c.	1390	144	68	480		350 00			52			
34 P. A. Shields	Coloured Mission, Ar'igonishe and Guysboro'	250	10	6	325		490 42		5	52			
35 J. C. Plumb	Riversdale and Osborne	180	15	5	50		15 74		2	5			
36 Wm. Spencer	Dalhousie West	316	26	23	17		14 00			6			
37 F. A. Kidson	South Alt. n	858	159	18	80	2000	280 00			35			
38 W. B. Bradshaw	Kings County, P. E. I.	135	16	11	264	300	495 70		12	31			
39 D. Freeman	Argyle	350	18	2	30	452	8 50			6			1
40 J. B. McDonald	New Glasgow and Pictou	150	20	5	50				2	6½			
41 John Shaw	Newfoundland	2952	171	77	30		28 50			6			
42 Prof. Welton	Boularderie	1918	78	133	546		171 86		4	48			
43 D. W. Crangall	Acadia College	1200	6		649		160 01		1	26			4
44 Gardner Tufts	Wallace						4 50			3½	1		
45 D. McLeod	Colporteur						50 01			10			
	St. Anns, C. B.	150	6							22			
	General Distribution								2	6			
										37			
						16000							
		39142	2465	1644	10116	29090	$5235 36	13	211	814	3	9	

Summary.—It will appear from the foregoing list that 45 mis-sionaries and agents have been in commission during the year several of whom have been re-appointed. Together they hav travelled 39,142 miles; preached 2465 sermons; attended 164 other meetings; made 10,116 family visits; distributed 29,09 pages of tracts; 20,000 pages of books; received 13 subscribers t the *Christian Messenger;* baptized 211; built or carried to com-pletion 1 meeting-house; organized 3 churches and 9 Sabbat Schools; and performed 801 weeks' labour. Collected on the fie $5235.36.

In conclusion, your Board wish to record their sincere thanks t the Giver of all good for his mercies to them, their agents an missionaries during the past year. Their lives have been spared, great deal of money has been collected, and much work has be done for the Lord. A special cause for thankfulness is found the fact that although the pressure in money matters was so sever about the same amount of funds came into the Treasurer's hands were received last year from the regular sources of supply. Yo Board, therefore, must speak hopefully of the future. The amou of work done, the large sums of money collected and expend during the past three years, and the glorious results, must convin the unprejudiced that *union* is better than *isolation* in Home Mi sionary work. The Board feel that they have labored faithfully the cause of the Master, and that he has blessed them. Their a has been the glory of God in the spread of true religious princip in the whole field of their labor. They are now ready to give t honours and responsibilities of their office to their successors, acco panied with their sympathies and prayers. They sincerely ho that the whole denomination may co-operate with them so tha far greater work for God may be accomplished this year on t Home Mission field than ever was done before.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Executive Board,

G. E. Day, *Cor. Secretary.*

Yarmouth, N. S., June 16th, 1876.

Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union in account with ***P. D. Kinney, Treasurer.***

1875.		Dr.
June 26.	For Postage and Telegrams	$
"	Stationery, $0.37. Telegrams, $1.29	
28.	Paid A. H. Lavers, $30.00	
July 3.	Z. C. Vickery, Forest Glen Mission	
11.	Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, Argyle Mission	
13.	" E. B. Corey, Cumberland "	
"	Charges on Monies received from Rev. W. H. Warren	
"	Telegrams, Postages, &c., $2.19. Do., $1.36	
14.	S. Selden, for Printing	
19.	E. T. Carbonnell, Acadia Mine Mission	
21.	A. H. Lavers	
23.	G. H. Springer	
Aug. 4.	Chas. Norwood, Blue Mountain and New Ross	
"	Rev. D. Freeman	
"	G. F. Tufts, salary and expenses	
6.	F. A. Kidson, P. E. Island	
"	J. G. Gordon, P. E. Island	

6.	Rev. D. McDonald, account salary	$147 50
"	Rev. J. H. Sanders, Digby	50 00
"	Cartage, Telegrams, Postage &c., $1.27. Do. $4.35	5 62
27.	Rev. J. Brown, Cow Bay, $100.00. Expenses 54 cts.	100 54
1.	G. H. Springer, for Books $158.00 Do 86 cts.	158 86
7.	Rev. W. Craigie, Pictou and New Glasgow	50 00
"	" A. W. Barss, Guysboro' and Manchester, $25.00. Expenses, $1.08	26 08
16.	" T. A. Higgins, Annapolis	100 00
"	" W. C. Craigie, Pictou and New Glasgow	30 00
"	" J. I. DeWolfe, P. E. Island	350 00
"	" E. M. McDonald, "	20 00
22.	Stationery, Postage, Telegrams, &c., $1.77. Do., $4.93	6 70
2.	E. J. Grant, Annapolis Co., $55.00 and $25.00	80 00
11.	Rev. D. Freeman	30 00
"	Trueman Bishop, Hants Co	55 28
"	J. Otis Redden	23 00
"	B. P. Shaffner, Hants Co	22 00
"	G. E. Good, Colchester Co	104 00
"	C. H. Martell, Hants Co	120 00
"	P. S. McGregor, Cumberland Co	43 41
"	C. W. Bishop, Hants Co	45 53
"	R. H. Bishop, "	61 35
"	I. R. Skinner, Cape Breton	83 44
"	D. H. Simpson, Cornwallis	10 00
1.	Jas. W. Higgins, Cumberland Co	70 00
"	Rev. G. Armstrong, Cape Breton	40 89
"	" J. B. McQuillan, Antigonishe Co	16 00
"	E. T. Carbonell, Colchester and Cumberland Co	181 22
"	Rev. P. A. Shields, Riverdale, Yarmouth Co	60 00
"	P. O. Order, Postages, &c., $2.76. Do., $1.60. Stationery, $1.00	5 36
24.	Rev. A. W. Barss, Guysboro'	25 00
76.		
7.	Rev. D. W. Crandall, Pugwash	12 50
8.	" T. C. DeLong, Tancook	50 00
"	" L. M. Weeks, Guysboro' Co	118 31
"	M. W. Brown, P. E. Island	44 00
21.	Rev. J. M. Cramp, for Books	57 00
"	" L. M. Weeks, Guysboro' Co	42 64
"	" W. B. Bradshaw, Argyle	181 00
"	Trueman Bishop, Hants Co	40 72
29.	Rev. Mr. Gordon, P. E. Island	50 00
4.	" O. Parker, Lichfield, &c	47 00
9.	" A. W. Barss, Guysboro' Co	25 00
"	Duty on Books, $4.00. Stationery, 16 cts.	4 16
"	Geo. H. Springer, for Books	100 00
"	Rev. E. N. Archibald, Shelburne Co	30 00
"	P. O. Order, Postages, &c., $1.00. Do., 99 cts. Do., $2.29	4 28
14.	Rev. G. Armstrong, Cape Breton and Newfoundland	128 84
"	F. A. Crawley, Lunenburg Co	55 00
"	Rev. W. B. Bradshaw	119 00
24.	G. H. Springer, for Books, $60.00. Premium, 25 cts.	60 25
"	Rev. P. A. Shields	120 00
8.	E. T. Carbonnell	12 35
"	Rev. F. A. Kidson	28 50
"	W. H. Robinson	59 50
"	Rev. T. A. Higgins	348 58
19.	" J. B. McQuillin, coll. on field	7 74
"	Duty, Postage, &c., $6.30. Do. $1.55	7 85
"	G. H. Springer, for Books	20 47
"	M. W. Brown	12 50
"	Rev. C. I. Graves	255 53
23.	C. W. Bishop	50 47
"	Rev. D. Freeman	160 01
25.	" G. Armstrong	10 00
"	J. C. Plumb	20 00
31.	W. H. Robinson	36 50
"	B. P. Shafner	31 00
"	Rev. D. McDonald, P. E. Island	277 47
"	Telegram, Postage, &c., $3.40. Do. 59 cts	3 99
"	Rev. Dr. McDonald	4 50
"	Jas. W. Higgins	38 00
"	Geo. H. Springer, for Books	105 00
"	Rev. J. B. McQuillin	43 41
"	Telegrams, Postage, &c	2 63
"	Rev. E. N. Archibald, Shelburne	575 00
"	S. Selden, for Printing	6 00
"	Chas. Norwood	4 22
"	Rev. T. A. Higgins	109 23

May 31	Rev. J. Shaw, P. E. Island	$60 0
"	A. W. Barss	25 0
"	C. C. Burgess, P. E. Island	400 4
"	Gardner Tufts	334 0
"	Rev. P. A. Shields	196 0
"	E. T. Carbonnell	9
"	Rev. J. H. Sanders, Digby	192 0
"	Balance in hand	220 5

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June 23.	By Balance in hand	$328
28.	Received from Prof. D. M. Welton, account of Windsor Church	6
July 3.	Books sold, $6.00. Do., $2.53	8
"	Z. C. Vickery, Forest Glen Mission	10
5.	Chebogue, (Yarmouth County) Church	15
"	Peter Paint, jr., Esq., Port Hawkesbury	5
"	Saml. Hall, Esq., Annapolis Ferry	12
"	Mrs. Alex. Robertson, Halifax	1
7.	Central Association	300
"	Western do balance	29
16.	N. P. Olding, Esq., New Glasgow	2
"	Interest on Debentures	43
19.	Wm. Frizzle, $2.00. Jas McDonald, $2.00	4
"	A Friend, P. E. Island, $5.00. Mrs. M. Chandler, Arichat, $1.00	6
20.	Eastern Association	279
24.	Interest from bequest of Hon. C. R. Bill	34
"	Beaver River Church, Yarmouth Co	3
30.	Matthew Archibald, Esq., Truro	5
Aug. 2.	New Tusket Church, $4.16. Mr. Sabean, $2.00	6
"	Friend at New Tusket	1
6.	Books sold by G. Tufts, and others	86
"	Prince Edward Island Treasury	192
"	Rev. D. McDonald, P. E. Island	47
23.	Geo. S. Parker, Milton, Queens Co	25
"	David Lyons, $1.00. Mrs. Jas. Caldwell, $1.00	2
"	West Bay Church	2
"	S. Freeman, Esq., M. P. P., $2.00. T. H. Randall, $1.00	3
"	X. Z. Chipman	1
"	C. Pinkney, Esq., $1.00. Avard Longley, Esq., M. P. P., $1.00	2
"	Rev. S. March, $1.00. Mark Curry, Esq., $4.00	5
"	Sale of Books, $2.43. Do., $9.39. Do., $9.25	21
Oct. 9.	Indian Harbor Church, $7.00. 1st St. Mary's Church, $6.00	13
11.	Mrs. John Legge, $2.00. Mrs. Luke Pineo, 90 cts	2
14.	Pictou and New Glasgow	30
"	Uigg, Alexander and Belfast	350
16.	Books, $21.20. Do., $4.09	25
"	Matthew Stewart Graham's legacy	300
Nov. 17.	G. E. Good, Stewiacke collection	60
"	C. H. Martell, Maitland and Noel collection	114
"	E. J. Grant, Parker's Cove and Lichfield collection	25
"	P. S. McGregor, Cumberland and Colchester "	43
"	C. W. Bishop, Hants County "	46
"	R. H. Bishop, " "	61
"	Trueman Bishop, " "	25
19.	I. R. Skinner, Cape Breton "	40
"	D. H. Simpson, Pereaux "	10
26.	A Friend, Guysboro'	20
Dec.	Jas. W. Higgins, collected Colchester and Cumberland	70
"	Rev. Geo. Armstrong, collected Cape Breton	44
"	" J. B. McQuillan, " Pictou, $8.00. Donation, $8.00	16
"	E. T. Carbonnell, " Folly Lake, Colchester	12
"	Rev. P. A. Shields, " Riverdale	3
"	Wm. C. Bill, Esq., Billtown	7
22.	Portaupique Mission Society	1
24.	Interest on Debentures	5
"	Books sold, $2.20. Do., $50.94	5
1876.		
Jan. 7.	Westport Church, $11.00. Onslow West Church, $7.00	1
"	L. M. Weeks, collection Isaacs Harbor, &c	11
"	M. W. Brown, " P. E. Island	4
14.	E. Baymer, $1.50. John McLean, Hants Co., $1.50	
"	Wolfville Baptist Sunday School	2
19.	Rev. J. M. Cramp	1
"	Indian Harbor (west) Church	
"	2nd Church St. Margaret's Bay	
24.	Brookfield Church, Queens Co., $8.37. 25th—Great Village Ch., $10.40	1
25.	H. A. Davidson, Esq., River Philip	

an. 27.	Pleasant River Branch Brookfield Church, Queens Co.	$7 00
eb. 1.	Deacon Amos H. Scott, Chebogue	3 00
3.	Chester Church, $10.00. J. W. Barss, Esq., $25.00	35 00
"	Berwick Church	19 23
7.	Cambridge Church, $6.00. Mrs. Sarah Shaw, 50 cts	6 50
"	Miss Sophia Bishop, $1.00. A Friend, Guysboro', $16.00	17 00
23.	East Ragged Island Church, $5.00. 29th—Port Hawkesbury Ch., $7.00	12.00
arch 6.	Guysboro' and Manchester Ch., $25.00. 9th—River John Ch., $20.95	45 95
13.	Rev. G. Armstrong, collection in Newfoundland	12 27
"	Part of Legacy of Hon. C. R. Bill	116 57
"	F. A. Crawley, collection Lunenburg, $51.00. Donation, $4.00	55 00
"	Rev. O. Parker, " Lichfield, &c	45 00
14.	" W. B. Bradshaw, collection Argyle	150 00
23.	Books sold, $60.00. Do., $35.66 and $15.58	112 24
pril 1.	Rev. P. A. Shields, collection Osborne, $100.00. Donation, $20.00	120 00
3.	A Friend, Guysboro', $20.00. Great Village Church, $2.75	22 75
8.	Upper Londonderry Church, $9.60. Wilmot Church, $10.00	19 60
"	Montague, P. E. Island, $4.50. Grand River, P. E. Island, $24.00	28 50
"	W. H. Robinson, collection Wine Harbor and vicinity	59 50
"	Rev. T. A. Higgins, " Annapolis	348 58
19.	2nd St. Mary's Church	7 74
ay 14.	Port Williams Sunday School, a collection	12 50
"	Rev. C. I. Graves, donation	255 53
"	" P. A. Shields, collected	170 00
"	" D. Freeman, " Pictou Co.	160 01
"	Estate Hon. C. R. Bill	10 00
"	Ohio Church, Yarmouth Co., $3.97. Wilmot Church, $20.00	23 97
31.	First Yarmouth Church	469 75
"	Interest on Debentures	43 80
"	Temple Church, Yarmouth	86 67
"	Milton " "	20 00
"	Rev. D. McDonald, collected	177 47
"	P. E. Island Treasury	100 00
"	Rev. Dr. McDonald, collected in Newfoundland	4 50
"	Books sold	39 40
"	Rev. E. N. Archibald, collection She burne & vicinity	575 00
"	D. Weber, $3.00. Mrs. S. A. Weber, $1.00 } By S. Selden.	6 00
"	A Friend, $1.00. Mrs. Noonen, $1.00 } By S. Selden.	
"	C. Norwood, collected New Ross	4 22
"	Annapolis and Round Hill	69 23
"	Rev. T. A. Higgins, donation	100 00
"	" J. Shaw, collection Cape Breton	50 01
"	Jesse Warner, per Rev. J. H. Sanders	1 00
"	C. C. Burgess, collection North River, P. E. Island	490 42
"	G. Tufts, books sold	334 00
"	Rev. P. A. Shields, collected on missionary tour	195 00
"	" J. H. Sanders, " Digby and vicinity	192 65
e 1.	By balance in hand	220 59
		$8278 22

ined and found correct.

J. C. ANDERSON, } Auditors.
J. H. HALEY, }

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dian French Mission in account with **Pearl D. Kinney, Treasurer.**

DR.

6.	For cash paid Rev. M. Normandy	$140 00	
26.	" " "	7 00	
28.	" " "	25 00	
2.	" " "	134 67	
2.	" " "	1 50	
6.	" " "	307 63	
8.	" " "	10 00	
21.	" " "	18 45	
			$644 25
1.	Balance due Treasurer	$1 77	

CR.

23.	By balance in hand	$148 70
"	" from Western Association	63 00
8.	" Central "	27 66
16.	Mrs. Joseph Reid, Minudie	4 00
20.	Eastern Association	33 54
26.	Beaver River Church	12 00

July 26.	Mrs. Jos. Shaw, Milton Church	$25 00	
Aug. 2.	Deerfield Church	8 00	
Dec. 2.	M. Normandy, collected on field	1 50	
1876.			
March 6.	" " on missionary tour	307 63	
"	Rev. Obed Parker	2 00	
May 8.	Wm. Armstrong, Granville	1 00	
"	M. Normandy, collected	8 45	
31.	Balance	1 77	
			$644

Examined and found correct.

J. C. ANDERSON, J. H. HALEY, } Auditors.

N. S. Baptist H. M. Union—Theological Department—in account with ***Pearl D. Kinney, Treasurer.***

1875.	DR.		
July 7.	For cash paid Prof. D. M. Welton	$105 00	
Aug. 4.	" " "	100 00	
24.	" " "	35 00	
Nov. 16.	" " "	100 00	
Dec. 20.	" " "	20 00	
1876.			
Mar. 30.	" " "	100 00	
May 9.	" " "	60 00	
			$
June 1.	For Balance due Treasurer	$217 29	

1875.	CR.		
June 23.	By Balance in hand	$ 7 00	
July 7.	Cash from W. N. Wickwire, Esq., Halifax	10 00	
"	Unappropriated funds of Central Association	50 00	
13.	Wm. Cummings, Esq., Truro	25 00	
"	Isaac Blair, Esq., "	5 00	
"	Prof. D. M. Welton	50 00	
"	J. W. Whitman, Esq., Halifax	5 00	
"	A Friend at Eastern Association	6 31	
28.	Collection at P. E. Island Association	17 50	
"	"Aunt Jessie," P. E. Island, $5.00 U. S. Currency	4 40	
"	Mrs. P. Huestis, Temple Church	2 50	
Dec. 2.	C. Jost, Esq., Guysboro'	20 00	
1876.			
Mar. 30.	Prof. D. M. Welton, donation	100 00	
			$
May 31.	Balance	217 29	

Examined and found correct.

J. C. ANDERSON, J. H. HALEY, } Auditors.

Liabilities & Assets Home Mission Board, May 31, 1

LIABILITIES.

Home Mission. Nova Scotia Proper.

E. J. Grant	$ 16 00	Rev. E. T. Carbonell	
Rev. A. E. Ingram	138 00	" P. A. Shields	
" E. N. Archibald,	95 00	" D. W. Crandall	
" John Brown	54 64	J. C. Plumb	
P. S. McGregor	52 59	F. A. Crawley	
R. A. Bishop	34 65	M. W. Brown	
D. McLeod	150 00	Rev. Obed. Parker	
I. R. Skinner	134 56	" D. Freeman	
Rev. G. W. Thomas	156 00	" W. B. Bradshaw	
" T. A. Higgins	728 88	Charles Norwood	
Wm. Spencer	50 00	S. Selden	
D. H. Simpson	86 00		
Rev. D. McDonald	40 00		$2,

P. E. Island Branch.

Rev. John Shaw	$49 99
" J. J. DeWolf	50 00
" J. A. Gordon	50 00
" F. A. Kidston	31 50
" D. McDonald	118 92
	$300 41

Theological Department.

Prof. Welton, (probably)	$160 42

French Mission.

Rev. M. Normonday	$160 42

Book Department.

G. H. Springer, books	$396 16
Gardner Tufts	45 97
	$240 68

TOTALS BROUGHT DOWN.

Book Department	240 68
French Mission	160 42
Theological Department	396 16
P. E. Island branch	300 41
Mission, N. S. Proper	2,359 77
	$3,457 44

ASSETS.

Home Mission Proper.

Balance of Legacy of Hon. C. R. Bill, due in July	$274 00	
" " " unsettled, other legacy		
Debenture Bonds at £100 stg. each	1,460 00	
Rev. P. A. Shields' hands above expenses (probably)	40 00	
good subscriptions, Yarmouth County	60 00	
		$1,834 00

Book Department.

Depository 273 vol. of Books, Tracts, &c.		$278 58	
Gardner Tufts' hand	$250 00		
" "	104 44		
due from Milton, Yarmouth, S. School		354 44	
" Beaver River, "		21 39	
"		11 35	
			665 76

French Mission.

Premises at Saulnierville	$3,000 00	
" Tusket	2,000 00	
		5,000 00
Total assets		$7,499 76

Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union in account with Pearl D. Kinney, Treasurer.

CLASSIFIED STATEMENT.

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Balance in hand from last account		$ 338 49
Collected by travelling missionaries		1376 01
" " agents		465 00
Collected by Stationary Missionaries and Churches, viz.:		
Annapolis, and vicinity		
Canby, "	$417 81	
Doyle, "	192 65	
Elburne, "	150 00	
Kinney, C. B., "	575 00	
Pictou, New Glasgow, and vicinity	40 89	
Various other churches	190 01	1566 36
Prince Edward Island		868 84
Individuals		1084 89
		564 41

Books sold	$680
Central Association	390
Western " balance	29
Eastern "	279
Wolfville Sabbath School	32
Portaupique Missionary Society	10
Interest on Debentures	131
" bequest of Hon. C. R. Bill	84
Matthew Stewart Graham legacy	300
Part of legacy of Hon. C. R. Bill	126
	$8278

Dr.

Paid travelling missionaries		$2513
Paid Stationary Missionaries and Churches, viz.:		
Church at Annapolis, and vicinity	$617 81	
" Digby, "	242 65	
" Argyle, "	396 93	
" Shelburne, "	605 00	
" Sydney, C. B., "	100 89	
" New Glasgow, "	240 01	2203
Mission work on Prince Edward Island		154
Rev. D. Freeman and Rev. P. A. Shields, agents		404
Colporteurs		49
Books		71
S. Selden, for printing		14
Postages, Telegrams, Stationery, &c		5
Balance in hand		22
		$827

Summary.

HOME MISSIONS.

Receipts, (including balance of last account, $838 49)	$8278 22	
Expenditures	8057 63	
Balance in hand		$2

FRENCH MISSION.

Receipts, (including balance of last account, $148.70)	$642 48	
Expenditures	644 25	
Balance due Treasurer		$ 1 77

THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

Receipts, (including balance of last account, $7.00)	$302 71	
Expenditures	520 00	
Balance due Treasurer		$217 29

Total receipts	$9223 41
" expenditures	9221 88
Balance in hand	

PEARL D. KINNEY, *Tre*

Yarmouth, N. S., June 1st 1876.

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..... 279 5
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..... 10 0
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$8278

.....$2513

viz.:

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.... 242 65
.... 396 93
.... 605 00
.... 100 89
.... 240 01 2200
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..... 49
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